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Maesteg man of 'good character' is jailed for four years after bottle attack

A YOUNG man has been scarred for life after a father of an ex-girlfriend carried out a bottle attack on him outside a Maesteg pub, writes AJ Sicluna.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that Jack Price suffered six deep wounds to the left side of his face, one close to an eye.

CCTV footage revealed the "chilling incident" carried out by 51-year-old steelworker Alan Cox.

A man with no previous convictions, Cox, of St Michael's Road, Maesteg was jailed for four years after pleading guilty to a charge of wounding with intent.

His barrister, Lowri Wynn Morgan, produced 17 references and described him as a caring family man and a person of integrity who behaved completely out of character.

Prosecutor David Pinnell said that on the night of February 16, Mr Price was in the King Alfred pub, socialising with two friends and had had about two-and-a-half pints to drink.

Price and Cox, said Mr Pinnell, "had a few words" and Mr Price was asked to leave by door staff, but not the defendant.

Cox went outside and struck him with a bottle.

Customers tried to stem the flow of blood and paramedics took him to the Princess of Wales Hospital and he was later transferred to Morriston Hospital.

They were gaping wounds, said Mr Pinnell, and had to be treated under local anaesthetic.

When arrested, Cox said: "No comment" to questions.

In a statement, the victim said the attack had caused a massive impact with permanent scarring. His social life had been curtailed and he was told that because of his injuries, he couldn't train at a local boxing gym.

Miss Wynn Morgan said Cox felt great guilt at his behaviour and hated himself for what he had done.

Judge Michael Fitton QC said: "On his own account, he had had six pints of beer and Mr Price had previously been in a relationship with his daughter.

"Neither man had gone out looking for a fight."

With hindsight, said the Judge, Cox knew he should have stayed in the pub but made the wrong decision to leave and CCTV portrayed what was a "chilling incident" causing wounds from his forehead to his chin.

Said the judge: "I accept you have shown full remorse. It was a single blow and you are a man of good character.

"Your family will miss your support and guidance. Colleagues have spoken of you in glowing terms."

Once again, Elvis is back in the building

TIME flies, doesn't it?

It seems only the other day when GEM photographer Glyn Evans took the image above – featuring just a few of the thousands of visitors to Porthcawl's Elvis Festival.

It's hard to believe it was 12 months, but tomorrow (Friday) it all kicks off again, with crowds flocking to pay homage to 'The King', and others coming along to take in the spectacle.

Once again, pubs and venues in Porthcawl are putting on Elvis-themed entertainment (although there will be a few 'Elvis free venues').

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Ineos deal proves South Wales open for business

THE news that Ineos Automotive will build its new Grenadier 4x4 vehicle at a site in Brocastle is to be hugely welcomed.

The loss of Ford is obviously a massive blow to Bridgend and south Wales, and it is vital that new quality, skilled jobs are created.

Ineos has confirmed that production of the new Land Rover-inspired vehicle will bring up to 500 new roles, and crucially, some of the skills required will be transferable from Ford.

Ultimately, this proves the area is open for business, and while there is still far more to do, it is without doubt a huge vote of confidence in Bridgend and the local workforce.

Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central Regional AM.

Remember to order your Poppy wreath

IF you require a poppy wreath or any other items for this year's Remembrance commemorations, could you please contact us on 07340 220904 as soon as possible.

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Roy and Teresa Goodwin, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Barry, St Athan, Llantwit Major and Rhoose.

The 'ruling elite' in Wales knows better than the rest of us

ARE the readers of The GEM aware of the proposed changes to the Welsh Assembly constitution being pursued by the members of the Senedd?

These include increasing the number of AMs because of the ever increasing workload of this inefficient and ineffective organisation. At what cost to the taxpayer? Who is going to decide whether this is needed? The AMs of course. The people paying for it are only being consulted! Have you been consulted? Have you seen any consultation documents? Have you been stopped in the street to be consulted?

One other major issue is to reduce the voting age in Welsh elections to 16 year olds.The reason cited is that "... empowering and inspiring young people to vote at 16 is a powerful statement from the Assembly that we value their views, and give them a voice in the future of our nation."

Another good reason is "Research by the Electoral Commission found that in the 2017 local elections in Scotland, 16 and 17 year olds found it easier than 18 to 24 year olds to access information on how to cast their votes, and were less likely to find it difficult to complete their ballot paper." So, if you are over 18 you find it difficult to complete a ballot paper. Of course the statistics show 59 per cent of responders thought it was a good idea. Were you one of the 59 per cent? Were you asked?

They also propose that a reduction in the voting age should be accompanied by "political and citizenship education", or do they mean indoctrination and brainwashing?

There is also a proposal to change the name of the Assembly to Senedd. There was a public consultation about the name change carried out from December 8, 2016 to March 3, 2017. They had 2,821 replies, 61 per cent agreed that it was a good idea or roughly 0.0010 per cent of people responded.

Surely this is another case of "we, the ruling elite, know better than the rest of you".

John Bailey, Llantwit Major.

Thanks for help after fall

ON September 7, I collapsed in a car park in Cowbridge, damaging my head and shoulder.

When I came to, a number of people were tending to me, including a doctor who I understand called the Princess of Wales Hospital, informing them of my problems.

I must express my sincere gratitude to all those who cared for me in hospital.

D Allin, Cowbridge.

'The needs of the many seem ignored'

THE Vale Council signed a 'Design & Build' contract for the construction of the new A4226, to replace Five Mile Lane.

This means that the contractor builds the road, then supplies drawings of the finished project, giving no opportunity for scrutiny of the design by councillors or the public. I have met both Lee Waters AM, the Minister responsible for active travel in Wales and Phil Jones, who wrote the Welsh Government's active travel design guidance. I showed them photographs of the active travel infrastructure that has been built along the A4226, and asked them if it complies with Welsh Government guidance.

They both grimaced and replied "no" – the answer I was expecting.

Children as young as four and their families may wish to visit the Amelia Trust Farm by bicycle, but to do so, they will have to ride on the adopted highway with lorries, etc. Where there are segregated paths? They are uncomfortably close to the fast road, unprotected from errant vehicles and offer a child no protection should they wobble and fall towards the road.

Those using the new road will also see some bridle paths that if paved, would make excellent active travel paths. There is no excuse for the dire walking and cycling infrastructure that has been provided by those who avoid scrutiny and are not held to account for their use of public money. The needs of children and their families are ignored by decision-makers. Infrastructure is built exclusively for car drivers and the adults who will always cycle on busy, fast roads. We need our political leaders to get a grip of the problems and start to think about, and work for, the youngest and most vulnerable in our society – not just the most visible and loudest.

Ian Perry, Vale of Glamorgan.

'The credit for regeneration should go where it is due'

MOST people in the Vale are well used to images of their MP, Alun Cairns claiming credit for anything ever achieved by anyone including the regeneration of Barry, the Vale or the whole of Wales.

Last week, however, I admit to being stunned by claims in local and social media that he and his Conservative colleagues are delivering new playgrounds in Barry's Highlight Park and The Murch, Dinas Powys.

Proposals for Highlight Park were binned by the Conservatives when they took over in the Vale Council in 2017. I know, as the records clearly show I challenged their colleague Cllr Gordon Kemp about it in December 2017. Similarly, the proposals for the Murch playground in Dinas Powys can be traced back to before 2016, well before the time of the current Conservative councillors.

Credit where it's due – and that's not to Vale Conservative councillors or Alun Cairns.

Cllr Lis Burnett, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration.

The GEM put Cllr Burnett's statements to the Vale Conservatives. A spokesperson said: *"These claims by Cllr Burnett are factually incorrect. Sadly, the Vale Council is inefficient, officer-led and most projects move at a snail's pace.*

"The play areas in Highlight Park and The Murch were in desperate need of an upgrade, and it was only through sustained pressure and campaigning over many years from the Conservative ward members that they were treated as the priorities they needed to be. Otherwise, they would have been cast aside in a bureaucratic minefield, never to see the light of day.

"It has only been in power a matter of weeks, but the Labour-Vale Independent coalition has already caused chaos by rushing through recycling changes, betrayed the people of Llancarfan by closing their local school and the Leader of the Council publicly admitted you cannot trust the promises his party makes on its election leaflets. It is clear a culture change is needed within the Council, and Vale Conservatives will make no apologies for putting local communities first."

Mr Cairns added: "As readers can see, Conservative Councillors have played an active role in securing new play facilities, working with community groups both at Highlight Park and at the Murch. It's odd that Cllr Burnett would make such an intervention on initiatives she had no involvement with.

"As Vale MP, I have been working hard to secure regeneration and investment. I've showcased Barry to an international audience, helping to attract further investment. In recent years we've seen an upturn for Barry Island and let's not forget the arrival of Aston Martin.

"Rather than focusing on our achievements, I strongly recommend that Cllr Burnett works on the key issues facing the Vale Council. Cllr Burnett and her Labour colleagues promised to reject parking charges, that Llancarfan School wouldn't close under a Labour administration and that they would protect Cowbridge livestock market. Instead of playing party politics, they should be reassuring residents and businesses that they will deliver on their promises, on which they are currently failing."

'Give thanks for what we have, and for where we live'

AT a time when political discourse has been brought down to the level of playschool epithets what a joy it has been for the last two weeks to be able temporarily to forget the trials and tribulations of the current situation and give oneself up to the joys and consolation of music.

The 10th Cowbridge Music Festival has just ended and we have been privileged to hear an amazing variety of musicians from around the world playing here in our small town.

And in a delightful coincidence, at the opening and closing weekends of the Festival it was possible to buy a wonderful assortment of home made produce from the WI Country Market; the very same Welsh cakes, jams, chutneys, fudge and other delights that filled the gift bags given to the artists at the end of each performance and which gave them so much pleasure.

Truly a time to give thanks for the blessings of life here in the Vale.

Peter Knapp, Cowbridge.

The grass *is* greener...

I MUST express my thanks to The GEM for combining the Vale and Bridgend letters' pages.

To read what concerns people 'over the border' is interesting. Many letters recently seem to have been about recycling and the new scheme introduced in the Vale.

There appears to be much concern – overwrought to the point of hysteria in a style not dissimilar to Greta Thunberg – about the new scheme although the arguments really don't stand up to examination.

A very similar scheme was introduced in Bridgend a couple of years ago, and similar, if not nearly identical, concerns were raised then. I put out my bags having separated (it's not hard) the waste. I walk – and wheel my baby's pushchair – on the pavements past others' bags. I occasionally pick up a bit of litter that has blown from someone else's bags.

There are, in life, more things to be concerned about than a new recycling regime.

Patricia Eldritch, Coity.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL OCTOBER 3

Date	Time	Height (metres)
26/09/2019	05.06	8.7
26/09/2019	17.32	9.3
27/09/2019	05.59	9.7
27/09/2019	18.22	10.1
28/09/2019	06.53	10.4
28/09/2019	19.13	10.6
29/09/2019	07.38	10.8
29/09/2019	19.56	10.9
30/09/2019	08.21	11.0
30/09/2019	20.39	10.9
01/10/2019	08.59	10.8
01/10/2019	21.22	10.6
02/10/2019	09.43	10.4
02/10/2019	21.59	10.3
03/10/2019	10.22	9.9
03/10/2019	22.43	9.6

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Lorries to be banned from Vale village

LORRIES and HGVs weighing 7.5 tonnes or more will be banned from travelling through Llysworney if the Vale Council has its way.

Motorists, especially drivers of heavy goods vehicles, often use the road through the village as it is a convenient route to access business parks and industrial areas in Llandow.

The council's ambition would see any vehicle weighing 7.5 tonnes or more barred from the village, with an exception for vehicles needing access to a property.

Road Haulage Association area manager for South Wales, Will Salkeld, told the GEM: "Cancelling the M4 Relief Road was a blow for businesses relying on an efficient road network so it is crucial that local weight restrictions don't simply push traffic from one stressed area to another.

"Planners must ensure alternative routes will allow hauliers to get their destinations as smoothly as possible."

Cllr Peter King, cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "Residents have rightly raised the issue of large numbers of HGVs travelling through the village and I am glad that the council has been able to act to address their concerns.

"The roads into Llysworney are narrow country lanes and so very unsuited for this type of traffic. The HGV traffic causes significant congestion at peak times. Something that can impact on road safety and air quality, as well as being an obvious safety concern for those living nearby."

Cllr King added: "The provision of a new road as part of the Darren Farm development in Cowbridge will provide a safe, efficient and practical alternative for traffic wanting to travel to and from the Llandow Business Park area. However, in order to maximise the benefits to the community of Llysworney, it is important that we impose a weight restriction so that heavy vehicles are actually prohibited from travelling through the village. When all this was considered, implementing a new weight restriction was an obvious, common sense solution." The restriction will require HGV traffic to join the B4270 at Nash Corner and then re-join the A48 at the new roundabout near Llanfrynach Drive.

A legal notice proposing a Traffic Restriction Order will soon be published and a consultation period will follow. It is hoped the restriction will be in place by the end of the year.

Teen arrested after 'threats made' to local school

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy arrested on suspicion of making threats against a school in Bridgend has been released from police custody under investigation.

Officers apprehended the youngster on September 19 after concerns were raised by parents and pupils at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School.

The boy, who was assisting South Wales Police with enquiries, was released under investigation the following day.

No details of the threats made have been released by South Wales Police.

Detective Inspector Simon Morgan said: "I would like to reassure the community that we have taken the matter – and the concerns raised – seriously and extensive enquiries have been carried out.

"We are satisfied that there is no ongoing risk to staff or pupils at the school, or to the wider community."

He added: "Investigations in to the circumstances leading up to the reporting of the incident are ongoing and we are grateful to the public who raised their concerns.

"However, I would appeal to anyone with information to contact police directly and refrain from fuelling speculation on social media."

Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting 1900347282.

Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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School crossing patrols in Bridgend under assessment

NEW guidelines are being adopted in Bridgend for assessing vacant or future school crossing patrols in the county.

The updated guidelines mean the local authority will no longer consider both children and adults using the crossing, but only children. There are currently 17 permanent school crossing patrol officers employed by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and head of operations for communities, Zak Shell, said adopting the 2016 national standards would not automatically see any existing sites disappear.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting earlier this month he said: "All the sites existing today will exist tomorrow, whether or not they would qualify under the 2016 standards. However if and when something does change at this location we would look to assess against the latest national standards."

Until now the council has relied upon the 2012 Road Safety GB School Crossing Patrol Service Guidelines.

Officers said a change in circumstances could involve a school relocation, demographic changes to a school, a retirement, or vacancy of a school crossing patroller. Mr Shell said the removal of any school crossing patrol from a site could be an emotive issue for the local community. "If a site does not meet the criteria but the community consider the provision of a patroller to be important to them, then consideration should be given to other ways of funding the post such as the community or town council. The school crossing patroller would be employed by BCBC but funded by the community."

Cabinet member for communities Richard Young said there were no immediate implications for staff based on the adoption of the latest guidelines. However the local authority plans to make £10,000 cuts to the school crossing patrol budget next year, and the service, which has a £70,000 budget for 2019-20, is currently anticipated to overspend by around £9,000 this year based on the current number of sites.

Cabinet approved the adoption of the 2016 GB Guidelines for future assessment of vacant or proposed school crossing patrol sites at a meeting on September 17.

Liz Bradfield, LDR

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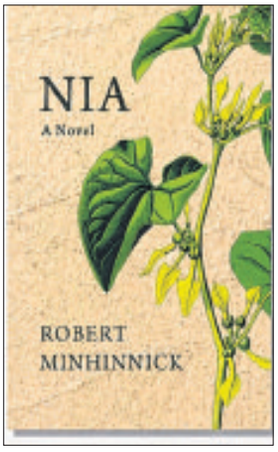
Home town launch for Robert's latest novel



PORTHCAWL novelist and poet Robert Minhinnick (pictured above) is launching his latest book – the third of three novels using the seaside town as a backdrop – in the Stage Door at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Friday, October 4 at 8pm.

The first novel, *Sea Holly*, was followed by *Limestone Man* and this time he is going underground, inspired by a vast cave system in the Ewenni and Ogmore area.

A character in the first two books, Nia Vine, is about to fulfil her dream of exploring that unmapped cave system.

She is also the title character of the book, which is called simply *Nia*.

With her will go two friends who were brought up in the same seaside town.

While the three explore the caves, Nia finds herself obsessed by a series of dreams that finally lead to a shocking revelation.

The 'unmapped cave system' is based on the real-life 'Schwyll' and the 'Great Spring of Glamorgan', at Ewenni.

At the launch event Peter Morgan will play music and exhibit his photographs of Porthcawl fairground and local instances of climate change, two themes of the book. Kristian Evans will be guest reader.

Mick Felton, managing director of publishers, Seren Books, will introduce the event.

Robert Minhinnick's previous book. *Diary of the Last Man* (Carcanet), was Wales 'Book of the Year' in 2018 and shortlisted for the TS Eliot Prize. Porthcawl also featured heavily in that book, but it was very much a stand-alone piece of reflections on the area.

Entry to the event is free, and signed copies of *Nia* will be available at £9.99.

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Maesteg's Emily McNamara celebrates her 101st birthday

EMILY McNamara, a resident of Maesteg, recently reached the grand age of 101 years.

Mrs McNamara was born in Pontypool on September 7, 1918 and a birthday event for her was held at Maesteg Sports Centre.

Her granddaughter, great-granddaughter and great-great-grandson, as well as staff from Bridgend Community Dementia Team, Awen, and Halo, celebrated with the family.

Library manager Elaine Winstanley presented Mrs McNamara with a facsimile of the front page of the Western Mail that was published on the day of her birth.

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Police appeal to find missing woman

Ffion Evans, of Maesteg, has been missing since September 15.

POLICE are appealing for information to help find a missing woman from Maesteg.

Ffion Evans, 20, was last seen in the town at around 10.30pm on Sunday, September 15 and concerns are growing for her welfare.

She has links to the Maesteg and Bridgend areas.

A police spokesman said: "Ffion is described as being 5ft4, of slim build with short dark hair.

"She is believed to have been wearing grey leggings and white Nike trainers."

Anyone with information on her whereabouts should call 101 quoting reference 1900342087.

Officers are also urging Ffion to get in contact to confirm that she is safe and well.

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Polluted street is getting worse

AIR quality on the most polluted street in Bridgend appears to be getting worse, new figures show.

Earlier this year, the local authority implemented the county's first Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) Order in Park Street after tests showed pollution limits were being breached with nitrogen dioxide levels above the national air quality objectives.

More recent data for nitrogen dioxide emissions in the area show even higher figures, with a new monitoring station close to St Leonard's Road recording an annual average figure of 58.7 micrograms per cubic metre in 2018. The legal limit for nitrogen dioxide emissions is 40 micrograms per cubic metre.

The 2017 figures showed the highest annual average levels at a site near Cae Dre in Park Street being 41.5 micrograms per cubic metre.

Levels of nitrogen dioxide are also encroaching upon the hourly limit value of 200 micrograms per cubic metre which, under Welsh Government regulations, must not be exceeded more than 18 times in a calendar year.

Meanwhile, nearby monitoring of pollution in Tondu Road by the roundabout shows annual average levels at 38.5 micrograms per cubic metre.

Officers believe the problem is mainly down to congestion on Park Street, which is on an incline. Presenting a report before councillors at a Bridgend cabinet meeting on September 17, officers said air quality within the county in general continues to meet the relevant objectives but added it was essential key monitoring sites were closely examined and suitable action taken where necessary. The AQMA may be widened to include a larger area. The council is planning to install an automated air quality monitoring system on the Quaker's Meeting House in Park Street and say that it will provide data at all times and can be used for traffic control measures at certain periods.

The authority has nine months left to prepare a draft action plan to improve air quality in the area, and once agreed, the plan must be adopted within two years. A work steering group to develop "realistic mitigation measures" to alleviate the air quality concerns has been set up. Proposed measures include promoting travel alternatives and traffic management. Officers said they would be holding drop-in sessions to answer residents' questions with regard to the Park Street action plan. A public consultation will take place following completion of the draft air quality action plan. At the meeting, Bridgend council's cabinet approved the authority's air quality management annual progress report, which will now be submitted to Welsh Government. Cabinet member for wellbeing and future generations, Dhanisha Patel, said the authority was taking the Park Street air quality situation very seriously.

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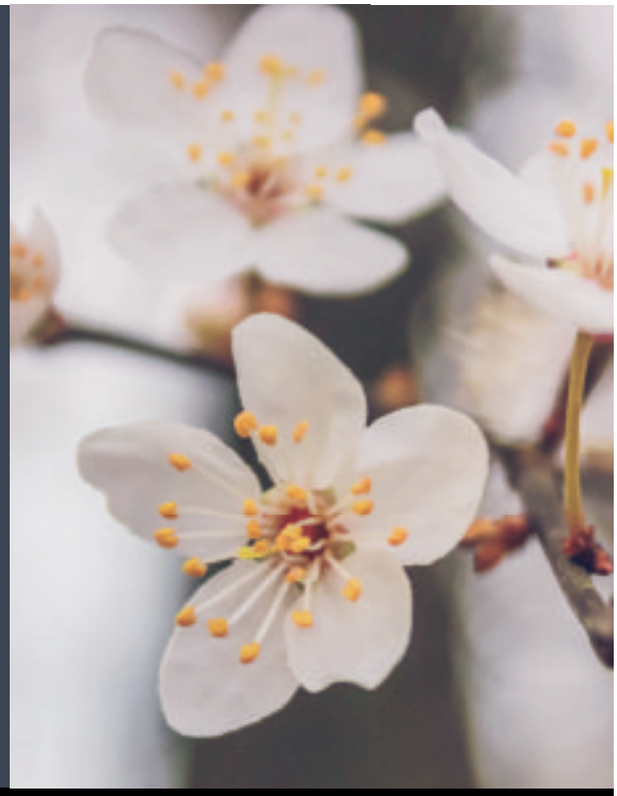

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Marking 25 years of twinning with a trip to France

THIS year was the 25th anniversary of town twinning between Bridgend and Villenave d'Ornon in France.

It was on May 6, 1994 that the first charter was signed by Mayor of Bridgend Richard Young and Villenave Mayor along with Carol James the town clerk of Bridgend at that time.

Over the years many friendships and links have been made and now the relationship with the French town is stronger than ever.

To celebrate the anniversary a group of 43 delegates from Bridgend visited Villenave d'Ornon.

On arrival at Villenave d'Ornon, one of the communes of Bordeaux Metropole, the Welsh group were welcomed with a reception at L'Espace, the hub of their twinning association.

Delegates travelled to Bordeaux the next day for a ride on the tourist train to discover the history of the city and views of impressive architecture.

After Paris, Bordeaux has the highest number of preserved historical buildings of any city in France.

Friday evening a concert was held. Cor Tabernacl had been invited to share the 25th anniversary celebrations by performing in a concert with Chorale du Lac.

Villenave d'Ornon holds a large forum every year where many local organisations promote themselves. There was a variety of associations and Bridgend's twinning group were given a space to promote the town.

A group spokesman explained: "We displayed and distributed promotional leaflets and offered tasting of traditional Welsh cakes and Bridgend brewed beer."

Gifts were exchanged and speeches were made at an official dinner to mark the end of the trip.

The spokesman added: "All in all a wonderful weekend was had by everyone and even though Brexit might divide politicians and governments the friendship which town twinning provides will certainly, in our case, live on for many years to come. We now look forward to welcoming our French friends back to Bridgend in May 2020."

Anyone interested in joining the twinning group should contact Madeleine Walters on 02920 892001.

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Message to 'hold on to hope' on World Mental Health Day

ISSUES of mental health and wellbeing are constantly in the news.

An innovative project in Llantwit Major is looking to get behind the headlines, and encourage people of all ages to take better care of their own mental wellbeing, while looking out for those around them who might be in distress.

The project is called 'Holding on to Hope' and its inspiration came from the music events that are held regularly at St Illtud's Church.

Bel Blue performs at the monthly 'Open Mic Night', and has recorded a CD of songs in the atmospheric Galilee Chapel. Many people living with personal anguish have said how much her songs have helped them on their journey.

Canon Edwin Counsell from St Illtud's Church said: "World Mental Health Day seemed like an ideal opportunity to launch Bel's recording of 'The St Illtud's Sessions'. Lots of others wanted to be involved, so we now have a photographic exhibition by Lucy Purrington, whose work is inspired by mental health issues. Local children will be attending workshops that create positive images of themselves and their community and there are sessions to help us all keep a healthy work-life balance. Samaritans and other agencies will be running 'drop-ins' to give help and support. We're very grateful to the Cardiff and Vale Health Board and their Arts Charity which, with Welsh Arts Council, have given funding and endless support and encouragement to the project."

People in every community live with the challenges of poor mental health and for some, those issues can lead to profound mental anguish that sometimes overwhelms them. There are also many people and organisations providing help and support, including health care agencies, local schools and within the church community.

Canon Counsell added: "I really hope the music, events and exhibitions will inspire people to look out for their friends or loved ones who might need help. I also hope that the project will bring mental health and wellbeing out of the shadows for all of us."

The event to mark World Mental Health Day takes place at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major from October 4-10.

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Country and Farmers' Market next Friday and Saturday

THE fortnightly Country Market takes place on Friday, October 4 from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.

The fortnightly Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market takes place the following day, Saturday, October 5 in Arthur John's car park from 9am to 1pm.

Staff from The GEM highly recommend these events, but suggest taking a large carrier bag.

Orchard bears rich fruit

CYSWLLT Peterston Connect celebrated winning the award in the orchard which was planted in 2015.

The evening was officiated at by county councillor Michael Morgan, whose family gave the land to the National Trust.

The evening was attended by villagers some of whom had donated the Welsh heritage trees.

Also in attendance were Tor Trundle from Creative Rural Natural Communities who provided funding, The Natural Resources Wales and Peterston Community Council members who gave their support to the project.

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Deddf Cynllunio a Phrynu Gorfodol 2004
Rheoliadau Asesiadau Amgylcheddol o Gynlluniau a Rhaglenni (Cymru) 2004
Rheoliadau Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Cynllun Datblygu Lleol) (Cymru) Rheoliadau 2005 (Rheoliad 15)
Hysbysiad o Ymgynghoriad Cyhoeddus Cyn Adneuo ar gyfer Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Newydd (2018 – 2033)

Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr wedi paratoi dogfennau cynigion cyn adneuo ar gyfer y cynllun uchod. Ar ôl iddo gael ei fabwysiadu, bydd y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol yn disodli'r cynllun datblygu presennol ac yn sail i benderfyniadau ynghylch cynllunio defnydd tir ar gyfer Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr.

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Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer cyflwyno sylwadau ar y Strategaeth a Ffefrir ar gyfer Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Pen-ybont ar Ogwr yw 5pm ar 8 Tachwedd 2019.

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Richard Matthams, Rheolwr Cynllunio Datblygu.

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 15)
Notice of Pre-deposit Public Consultation for a Replacement Local Development Plan (2018 – 2033)

Bridgend County Borough Council has prepared pre-deposit proposals documents for the above plan. The Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) will, upon adoption, replace the current development plan and be the basis for decisions on land use planning for Bridgend County Borough.

The pre-deposit proposals documents outline the Authority's vision, strategic options, preferred strategy and key policies, and include key background information and an initial sustainability appraisal report (which includes the environmental report).

The Preferred Strategy and background documents are available to view on the Council's website.

Copies are also available for inspection during normal opening hours at the Council Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend and all public libraries in the County Borough during their normal opening hours, details of which can either be obtained from the Council's website, or by contacting the relevant library.
The closing date for the submission of comments on the Bridgend LDP Preferred Strategy is 5pm on 8th November 2019.

Please submit any comments on this document to us in writing by email or post (using the standard Comment Form available online) as follows:
Visit https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/ Email a Copy of the Consultation Form to LDP@bridgend.gov.uk
Post a Copy of the Comment Form to **Development Planning, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB**

Please note that this consultation relates to issues and topics discussed in the Preferred Strategy and is not an opportunity to make detailed comments on individual Candidate Sites. All comments should relate to the questions included at the end of each Section of the Preferred Strategy, which are designed to assist with your representation.

Representations which are properly made, and duly submitted within the specified consultation period, will be acknowledged and reported in an appropriate manner to Council for its consideration.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified of the next stage of the LDP and/or that the LDP has been submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government for independent examination and/or of the adoption of the plan.

The Authority is only required to consider representations made in accordance with this notice. Representations made at the current pre-deposit stage will not be considered by the Inspector appointed to carry out the Independent Examination. There will be a further opportunity for representations to be made at the deposit stage and these representations will be considered at the examination.
Further information on the LDP process and relevant background documents are available on the Council's web site at www.bridgend.gov.uk/planning or **Telephone the Development Planning Team on 01656 643169 for further information.**

Richard Matthams, *Development Planning Manager.*

Five arrested after drugs discovered

POLICE have arrested five people after uncovering a large quantity of drugs in Bridgend.

Officers stopped a van on Princess Way, Brackla, just before midday on September 17.

The stop led to a search of a property in Brackla and another in Bryntirion.

A large amount of drugs, believed to be Class B amphetamine, were seized by South Wales Police.

Five people aged between 28 and 65 were arrested on suspicion of drug offences.

A 45-year-old man and a 51-year-old woman, who were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply, have been released under investigation.

A 65-year-old man, arrested on suspicion of possessing a class B drug, remains in police custody.

Two other men have been released without charge.

Detective Inspector Sarah Trigg said: "Tackling the supply of drugs is a priority for us and we will continue to take action against those who attempt to blight our communities with illicit drugs.

"We rely on information from residents to tackle drug supply in our communities and I would urge residents to report any suspicious activity to us."

SWP

Lady of Law receives national award

ALEXIS Thomas, Chartered Legal Executive at local firm CJCH Solicitors, was awarded the Joyce Arram Award for advancing the legal profession at an awards ceremony recently held in London.

The award is given annually to a CILEx (Chartered Institute of Legal Executives) member who has demonstrated their commitment to promoting access to the legal profession and inspiring future generations of legal professionals.

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Here was a chance to Meet the Makers in Colwinston last week.

A wealth of talent and craftsmanship

THE CLIC group's two-day Meet the Makers event in Colwinston last weekend was a great success.

Ten makers, with ages ranging from 22 to 80+, displayed a variety of arts and crafts with eight demonstrations over two days, which proved very popular, especially those where visitors could have a go.

The vibrant wall hangings were once again much admired, as were the beautiful displays of crochet and patchwork.

Thanks go to everyone involved, who made it a successful event and thanks also to the visitors who came along to support the group, particularly the welcome surprise visit by the Mayor of the Vale.

CLIC is a group of craft people who meet regularly in an informal group and everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact Pat at pat.cherry@icloud.com.

Sker WI takes a musical journey

LIKE most men, Rev Clive Williams knows how to tell a good story.

He also has a deep love for music and a love of history. These three things came together in a magical mystery tour when he went to Sker WI's September meeting to present his talk 'Vienna 1750'.

The first part of the journey looked at the life and times of Johann Sebastian Bach, painted with what Rev Williams called 'a very broad brush.'

Rev Williams was able to relate the life and times of these three great men with tales of his own life growing up in and around the chapels of the Swansea Valley, which introduced him to many of the great classical and Baroque composers.

Rev Williams also judged the WI's monthly competition with charm and grace, congratulating all those who had entered.

Sker WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm at St David's church hall, Nottage. Visitors are always welcome. For more information visit the group's Facebook page at SkerWI@nottagevillage.

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Race organisers need more help

MORE than 400 runners took part in the Llantwit Major 10k, 5k and 1k races on August 24.

The LM10K team are holding their annual general meeting on October 29 at 7pm in the Boverton Castle Public House in Boverton.

The committee is in need of new members to continue to run the annual event.

Anyone interested in joining should email dawn.howles@hotmail.co.uk with details about yourself and what expertise you could offer to make the event even bigger and better next year.

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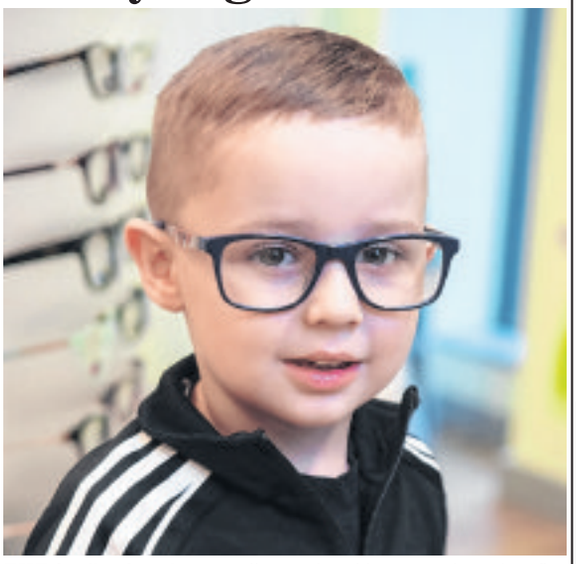
Maesteg youngster's eyesight saved



THE family of a toddler from Maesteg has thanked their local optometrist after a rare, genetic sight-threatening condition was identified during an eye test.

Charlie Harris (3), was diagnosed with congenital cataracts, which affects three in 10,000 children. His older brother, George, also had the rare condition, which has recently been treated by surgery.

Simon Morris, director of a Specsavers branch in Maesteg, and the optometrist who first examined Charlie, said: "Most very young children will have their eyes checked during their wider developmental healthcare assessments

"Charlie's condition has been detected early and treated swiftly." **AS**

Pool inspection goes swimmingly

YNYSAWDRE Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre has achieved a 'very good' rating at a recent inspection.

Halo Leisure, which runs the leisure centres and swimming pools across the county on behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council, has announced that its centre in Ynysawdre received a 'very good' rating from Quest, the UK's leading leisure and sports industry quality assurance organisation.

The assessment looks at various aspects of a leisure centre's performance, including customer service and the quality of its services. Recently, the Quest team conducted an unannounced review of the facility where it assessed areas such as: customer experience, cleanliness and housekeeping and environmental management. **AS**

Motorbike stolen

A HOUSE in Llangeinor, Bridgend, has been burgled with a series of items including a motorbike being stolen.

South Wales Police believe the crime took place sometime between September 10 and 12.

A South Wales Police spokesman said: "A number of items were stolen from the house. One of the items was a Yamaha off-road scrambler motorbike which is bright blue and white in colour with a registration plate of YZF 250."

Anyone who has been offered to buy the bike, has information about it or the burglary should call police on 101 quoting 1900336719.

NFU's concerns over pest control measures

THE Farmers' Union of Wales has slammed a decision by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to further restrict the ability of farmers and conservationists to control birds which are damaging crops or livestock, spreading disease or causing harm to species of conservation concern.

New General Licences for the control of certain bird species will come into effect on October 7, introducing significant additional restrictions for farmers and conservationists, compared with the current licence - and they even tie the hands of NRW staff seeking to protect rare species on Welsh Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

FUW Land Use Committee chairman Tudur Parry said: "NRW are running scared following a legal challenge earlier in the year in England from pressure group Wild Justice. No such legal challenge has been made in Wales.

"It was certainly right of NRW to have reviewed the current legislation in light of what happened in England, but the new licences go further than just making them legally watertight. "

Mr Parry said that the advice given by the FUW and others with an interest in farming and conservation in regular meetings with NRW since February had effectively been ignored, meaning that the new rules would prevent or restrict important conservation work as well as preventing farmers from protecting their crops and livestock.

Mr Parry added: "NRW has statutory obligations with regard to protecting biodiversity, but have introduced changes which will actually make it more difficult to control species that cause immense damage to wildlife.

"They have even added an extra layer of restrictions close to Sites of Special Scientific Interest, many of which will now be more vulnerable to attacks by certain bird species."

Responding to the decision to no longer allow rooks to be controlled where they are damaging crops or spreading disease, Mr Parry said: "Rooks cause huge damage to crops all over Wales, and can decimate vast areas. For example, where seeds have been sown, and preventing such damage being caused by a very common species is ridiculous."

A new licence no longer allows carrion crow, magpie, jackdaw, rook, jay, collared dove or wood pigeon to be controlled to protect public health, with the feral pigeon being the only species left on the list.

Another of the new licences, says the NFU, massively restricts actions that can be taken to conserve wild birds, and does not allow actions to protect Wales' most threatened species.

The new general licences will not apply in, or within 300 metres of 203 Welsh Sites of Special Scientific Interest, meaning the actions of NRW, farmers and conservationists in and around these areas will be further restricted, even though controlling certain bird species such as crows and magpies is essential for protecting livestock and ground nesting birds."

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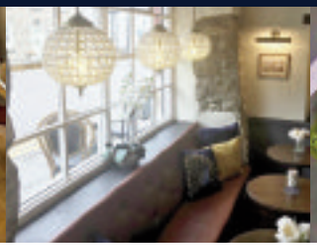
Christian has worked at the Customs House, Pier 64 amongst others around the country, recently returned to Wales after 2 years cooking in Asia and South America. He has brought many ideas back from his travels and this reflects our food style, especially the dinner and Tapas menu. Lots of fusion.
David is classically French trained and has recently joined us from The Pot bistro Cardiff. He's heading the daily lunch and weekend brunch.



A New Zealander's fond memories of Cowbridge

JEFF Thomas may have lived in New Zealand for 66 years now, but he still has fond memories of Cowbridge.

It prompted him to pop into The GEM offices in Eastgate, bringing with him a pristine copy of a school photograph taken in 1947, when he was a young pupil in Cowbridge Grammar School.

Taken in front of the Old Hall, Jeff is seated in the front row (wearing white shoes) just in front of the head teacher Mr Idwal Rees.

Jeff told The GEM: "I was born in the Rhondda but moved to Llancarfan and attended Llancarfan Primary School. From there, I went on to Cowbridge Grammar.

"In 1953 I was 19, and I took up the offer of a paid passage and the promise of a job and went to New Zealand."

Jeff started work for the Government, working for the Public Trust Office. There is no exact equivalent in the UK Government system, but Jeff and his colleagues handled matters such as wills and probate, among others.

Once he was settled, his family joined him, but his connections with Wales were not completely severed. In 1969, he was seconded to work in London, still for the NZ Government, and it was on a visit back to Cardiff that he met his wife, Pam.

Jeff said: "All those years I lived in New Zealand but I married a Welsh girl."

That wedding took place in Cardiff and when Jeff's secondment came to an end, they moved to New Zealand.

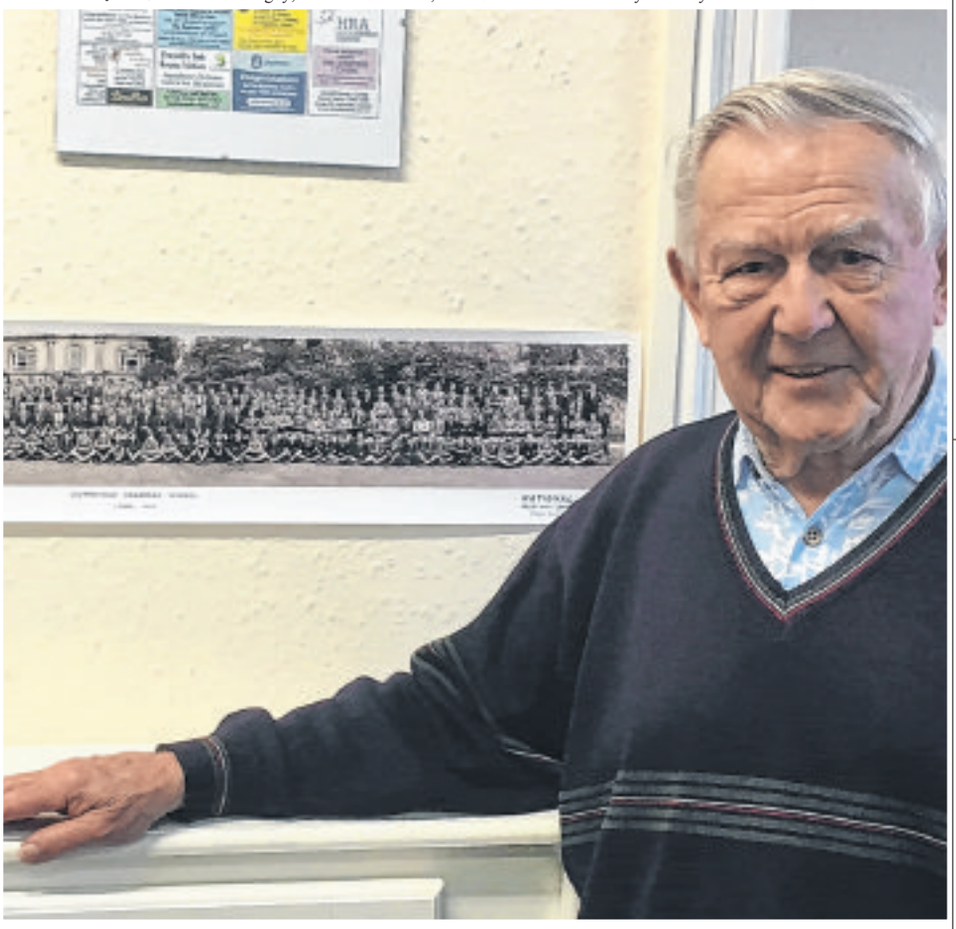
They settled in Masterton, a town near Wellington, but still visit relatives in Wales whenever possible.

Jeff is also a member of the Llancarfan Society, and knew all about the long-running argument over the future of Llancarfan School and other local issues.

However, New Zealanders in Wales are contractually obliged to discuss rugby, and Jeff is no exception.

He was speaking a few days before the All Blacks' impressive first outing against South Africa, and said: "I do cheer for Wales in every match they play – with one exception.

"I've followed the All Blacks for 66 years, and they are my team. I would love to see a Rugby World Cup Final between Wales and New Zealand, but I will be cheering for the All Blacks."



ABOVE:
Jeff Thomas in The GEM offices with his 1947 school photo.
In the 1947 photograph (top picture) Jeff is seated, second left, in what appear to be white shoes, with Mr Idwal Rees behind and to Jeff's right.

Townswomen's Guild joins Swansea

CHAIRMAN Freda has told members of Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild that they will be joining Swansea Federation, as the Cardiff Federation had closed.

Members were pleased with this news, as when the group started more than 60 years ago they were members of the Swansea Federation and they were happy to welcome the group back.

In September, members always celebrate harvest with a good tea, and before this Pat Richards gave an interesting talk about the history, culture and social habits surrounding tea.

Judith Shawe explained how foodbanks are organised; members brought items for the foodbank.

The next meeting is on October 9 at 2pm at All Saints' Church Hall, when there will be a craft afternoon.

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Probus Club visit

IN September, members of Llantrisant Probus Club and their wives visited the famous Nantgarw China Works and Museum.

During the visit, they were given a talk on the history of the works which were established in 1813 by William Billingsley, followed by displays on how the fine porcelain is made and potters at work. They were also able to see fine pieces of Nantgarw China.

Members also held their annual 'Shove Halfpenny' competition which was won by Peter Cox.

At the October meeting, there will be a talk by Dean Vaughan on 'Recycling in Rhondda Cynon Taff'.

For more information about the club, contact Rhodri Powell on 01443 230382.

News from Nancy

PUPILS at Llangan School had a busy time last week electing their new head boy and head girl.

A number of year six pupils put their names forward as prospective candidates, and each one delivered a speech to the pupils at the school assembly.

After a very close vote, Noah was voted head boy and Rose was head girl; Evan and Maya to be deputies.

St Canna's Church, Llangan will hold its annual autumn fair on Saturday, October 5 from 10am to 12.30pm.

There will be produce, cakes and savouries, flowers, tombola, raffle and all the usual stalls, plus refreshments on sale. Donations for the stalls are still being gratefully received!

At Saron Chapel, Treoes the next service will take place on Sunday, September 29 at 3pm, conducted by Sonia Castle.

Latest results from Bridgend Bridge Club

ON September 18: first, Mike Best and David Birt; second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; third, Steve Burgoyne and David Newman.

The winners on handicap were Mike Best and David Birt.

On September 19: first, Stuart Davies and Gareth Jenkins; equal second, V Irene Thomas and Leila O'Hagan, and Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass.

On September 20: first, Dave and Debbie Lea; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Simon and Debbie Richards. The winners on handicap were Richard and Maggie Ashpole.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons from 3.15pm to 5.15pm. Call Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

What's on, in and around the county borough

Harvest Festival

NFU Cymru and Glamorgan YFC will host a Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 3 at Margam Abbey, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2TA.

This year's service will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

Harmony Ladies Choir

THE choir's annual concert will be held at Nantyffyllon Rugby Club, Maesteg on Friday, October 4; doors open 6.30pm for 7pm and the special guest for the evening is the brilliant talented soprano Jessica Robinson.

Compere for the evening is Ross Penhale-Thomas. Tickets £5 from any choir member, or call 07983 571578 or pay at the door.

A spokeswoman said: "Come and join us for what is going to be a wonderful evening of music and fun."

Phoenix Theatre

TICKETS are now on sale for the latest production of October 11 and 12, which is Frank Vickery's comedy 'Spanish Lies'; once again proceeds will support The Sandville.

Hoping to revive their marriage, Dougie takes Lorna back to their honeymoon hotel in Majorca and we eavesdrop on earlier decisions with the knowledge of what happens later...

Tickets are available from 01656 783647 or 07890546311 or the Grand Pavilion box office on 01656 815995 or *www.grandpavilion.co.uk.*

Social enterprise wins big at awards ceremony

BRIDGEND-BASED social enterprise The Community Impact Initiative (CII), was crowned the winner of this year's One to Watch category at Social Business Wales Awards on September 24.

The not-for-profit organisation was selected for its approach to skill development in an innovative method, unlike any other in Wales.

CII was one of six businesses to take home a coveted sector award, presented by Wynne Evans at Venue Cymru, Llandudno.

Since mid-2018, CII began its trade of renovating empty properties in response to the escalating need in Wales for employment, skills, and housing.

Through doing this, it supports marginalised individuals in its local communities to help develop their personal and employability skills, aligning business activities with its social mission of delivering personal benefits.

The award, sponsored by Legal and General, was given for CII's innovative way of responding to the employment, skills, and housing shortage in the communities affected, creating a lasting and sustainable impact within the community and wider society.

Winners from the Social Business Wales Awards will go on to compete on a national level at the Social Enterprise UK Awards.

The Social Business Wales Awards recognise the excellence of social enterprises, co-operatives and employee-owned businesses in Wales.

There are currently 2,022 social businesses across the country that contribute an estimated £3.18bn to Wales' economy.

The Awards are run as part of Social Business Wales, a project funded by the European Regional Development Fund and Welsh Government as part of the Business Wales service. It is delivered by the Wales Co-operative Centre.

Derek Walker, Wales Co-operative Centre CEO, said: "The quality of nominees this year was outstanding. It is so important that we recognise the hard work of these social businesses and the impact they have on our society."

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Some of the colourful characters who took part in the recent run in aid of breast cancer awarness charity CoppaFeel!

Charity colour run raises £1,700

YOUNGSTERS at a primary school in the Vale of Glamorgan have raised more than £1,700 for a breast cancer awareness charity by taking part in a rainbow colour run.

Some 200 pupils from Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School had powder paint thrown over them as they raced around the sports field on September 18.

BBC Radio Wales Breakfast host Claire Summers started the race, which was sponsored by Llanerch Vineyard and supported by Barry-based Doctor Bob Balloons Unlimited. Pupils decided to embark on the colourful challenge to raise money for CoppaFeel! and support nursery teacher Kay Collingridge who, along with school parent Katie Dobson, is heading off on an adventure in aid of the charity. The pair are setting off on a trek in the Himalayas next month along with an array of famous faces including Loose Women's Nadia Sawalha and Great British Bake Off winner Candice Brown.

Paula Vaughan, the school's head teacher, explained: "We wanted to support Kay and Katie's fundraising efforts and feel it is important for children to understand the values of helping others. They enjoyed themselves and raised a lot of money for a great cause. I am very proud of them all."

Ms Collingridge lost her sister Helen in 2015 to breast cancer and Ms Dobson was diagnosed with cancer shortly after giving birth. To donate to the pair's fundraising efforts visit himalayas-coppafeel.everydayhero.com/uk/katie-kay-trek-the-Himalayas.

Images by Amber Nicholls Photography.

PACT meetings in Bridgend

GARW PACT at Pontycymmer police station on Saturday, September 21 from 1pm-2.30pm.

Llangeinor PACT at the Richard Price Centre. Llangeinor on Wednesday, September 25 at 5.30pm.

Maesteg East, Maesteg West and Llangynwydd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, September 26 at 6pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, September 30 at 7pm.

Nantgarw China Works for local men's club

IN September, members of Llantrisant Probus Club and their wives visited the famous Nantgarw China Works and Museum.

During the visit, they were given a talk on the history of the works which were established in 1813 by William Billingsley, followed by displays on how the fine porcelain is made and potters at work. They were also able to see fine pieces of Nantgarw China.

Members also held their annual 'Shove Halfpenny' competition which was won by Peter Cox.

At the October meeting, there will be a talk by Dean Vaughan on 'Recycling in Rhondda Cynon Taff'.

For more information about the club, contact Rhodri Powell on 01443 230382.

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New internship for job seekers with learning disabilities

ON September 20, Dow held an event in Barry to launch an internship programme which will offer career development opportunities for candidates with learning disabilities in the area.

Developed in conjunction with Cardiff & Vale College and Project SEARCH, an organisation specialising in assisted employment training and education programmes for individuals with disabilities, the internship programme will offer placements to 11 candidates, taking place from September 23 until July 2, 2020. The placements will be at Dow's Barry site. Interns will rotate across a range of functions such as laboratories, manufacturing, quality, stores, administration, IT, logistics and Environmental Health and Safety. Under the guidance of Project SEARCH, Dow has constructed a newly designed training room and formed a dedicated team to support the interns as they navigate both their theoretical/classroom training, and practical work experience.

The team includes a network of 26 mentors and leaders from Dow Silicones, as well as an on-site instructor and job coach from Cardiff & Vale College.

John Case, country manager for UK and Ireland Dow, said: "The Project SEARCH internship programme aligns perfectly with Dow's ambition to change the world for the better, as well as our commitment to building a diverse workforce with unique perspectives and backgrounds. We look forward to celebrating the launch of Project SEARCH and welcoming our interns in the coming week."

Lily Beyer, programme specialist at Project SEARCH, said: "Our goal at Project SEARCH is to secure competitive employment for people with disabilities. We rely on the partnership of companies like Dow to provide immersive and integrated experiences that will help candidates prepare for a successful future in the workplace."

The launch event was held at the Barry site, with around 80 attendees including representatives from the Welsh Government; Cardiff & Vale College; Cardiff University; local employers; as well as Project SEARCH interns, their families and Dow UK and Ireland employees.

Why not become a Barry Dementia Friend?

FAMILY-RUN Park Independent Funeral Directors in Barry are the first funeral directors to be awarded 'Dementia Friendly' status in the town by Dementia Friendly Barry and the Alzheimer's Society.

Staff attended a dementia awareness session, looking at the fear and stigma around dementia and how people living with dementia can be supported.

Staff have already supported the Alzheimer's Society by fundraising and recently became Dementia Friends.

As part of the Dementia Friendly Barry initiative working in partnership with Barry Town Council and the Alzheimer's Society in creating a Dementia Friendly Community, 15 dementia awareness sessions have been run with 143 Dementia Friends in various groups, schools and businesses.

For more information about the scheme contact dementiafriendlybarry@outlook.com or visit www.dementiafriendly-vale.co.uk. **JW**

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Safety checks for Barry memorial headstones

BARRY Town Council, in accordance with health and safety law, is undertaking an inspection programme to check the condition of memorial headstones within its cemeteries.

Any found to be unsafe and likely to cause serious injury may be laid flat or 'lowered down' into the excavated area at the head of the grave in front of the memorial base (this will enable some or all of the inscription to remain visible). Alternatively, the memorial may be 'staked and banded' by the Council Memorial Inspector, to stop them falling.

As this is part of a programme introduced by government legislation, it is an offence for the bands to be removed by any one other than the memorial inspector or a memorial mason engaged to carry out repairs to the memorial on behalf of the family. A memorial is the responsibility of the grave owner. Any memorials erected since November 2001 should not be affected as long as they were installed to the NAMM and BRAMM standards. The programme has been devised to ensure that the memorials that pose the greatest risk are dealt with first.

Anyone with concerns about the testing or would like information about how to make memorials safe should contact the Cemetery Office on 01446 704920, by emailing info@barrytowncouncil or write to Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8NA.

Below is a list of memorials that have been inspected in the most recent round of inspections at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

Relatives or anyone who knows someone related to those interred in any of the following graves should also get in touch: RC140; AA293; I 87; I 88; I 204; H 435; H 436.

Enforcement action repeated at Barry Waterfront

DEVELOPERS at Barry Waterfront are being investigated again, just months after the council told them to stop building homes.

Taylor Wimpey, Persimmon and Barratt Homes were issued warnings by the Vale Council in August, after it received complaints that construction was taking place at Barry Waterfront outside the permitted hours.

The breach of condition notices, which told the developers to stop works outside the hours agreed in their planning application, have been followed up by regular visits by council officers to ensure the developers follow the rules.

It comes after a new plan to deliver the waterfront's complex of bars and restaurants, known as the district centre, alongside the new housing was agreed in June.

The council twice temporarily ordered Persimmon not to build or sell any more homes at the waterfront, until significant progress had been made on the district centre.Council officers have visited Barry Waterfront to ensure the new delivery plan is being followed, and the authority says this has not resulted in any further action to date.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The council is carefully monitoring progress at the Barry Waterfront development to ensure it is being built in accordance with all conditions. This includes delivery of the district centre and other facilities alongside the planned housing."

A spokeswoman for the Barry Waterfront consortium said: "We have not been issued an enforcement notice by the Vale Council and are working with the council to ensure that all conditions of the planning consent for the development are complied with."

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Veterans aged over 60 urged to ask about military pensions

UK Armed Forces veterans aged 60 or over who were serving at any time from 1975, are being urged to ask about their eligibility for a military pension as part of a new campaign by Age Cymru that will refer individuals to the MOD's Veterans Welfare Service.

Research undertaken by Age Cymru's Project 360 team suggests that there are many veterans in Wales who are not claiming an Armed Forces pension to which they are entitled.

The campaign will also urge those veterans who believe they may have an injury or illness which was caused or made worse by the result of Service, and arose before April 5, 2005 to see if they are eligible for financial support through a War Pension.

The charity believes there are several reasons why veterans don't claim their rightful pension or support; some are put off by the prospect of undertaking large amounts of paperwork, while others aren't aware they need to apply for the pension rather than be automatically awarded it. But for many veterans, it is simply a case of not knowing where to turn to for help and support.

Age Cymru's Project 360 manager, Heather Ferguson said: "Pensions are going unclaimed by veterans each year – money that rightfully belongs to those who have served their country and which could help transform their lives. I would urge any veteran aged 60 or over and who were serving any time from 1975 to call the Veteran Welfare Service to find out if they are eligible.

"We know through our work with veterans that many of them are proud people who may not like making claims. But eligible veterans have already paid into a pension scheme, so it is therefore rightfully theirs to claim."

For more information about the Armed Forces Pension Scheme call 0800 0853600, and for War Disability Pensions call 0808 1914218. For further information and for downloading claim forms, visit: www.gov.uk.

Michael Phillips

Ramblers wend their way around Wenvoe

SHEILA from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to five walkers on a beautiful morning when they met at St Mary's Church in Wenvoe village.

They their way up through Pound Lane and into the pretty Wenvoe Wood, exiting onto Burdonshill Lane.

The rutted farm track was holding water in places and passing fields of maize, they entered Wenvoe Castle golf course, remaining on the edge of the busy green to descend into woodland before arriving beside Goldsland Wood.

The ramblers continued through fields to Maes-y-Felin, the St Lythans Burial Chamber, which has been in existence for 6,000 years.

Ripe blackberries in the hedgerows were scoffed as they made their way past Dyffryn House car park and fields containing horses, a llama and black sheep, before a deviation to the impressive Tinkinswood Burial Chamber with its large capstone.

Part of Valeways Millennium Trail brought them through meadows, where a group of teenagers taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme had been camping, then by road through St Nicholas village.

The edge of harvested fields led them into Coed Nant-Bran and through brambly paths to St Lythans, where the churchyard of St Bleddian's provided a stop for lunch.

Through Wenvoe Wood, a tree-line bridle path brought them back into Wenvoe.

A group of 18 walkers and Bruno the dog joined Nick at Trellech, setting off in overcast weather to a field containing the three Bronze Age Harold's Stones the village is named after.

By farm track and field, they entered Woolpitch Wood following narrow paths and crossing footbridges over Penarth Brook.

Carefully navigating a steep, stony sunken lane downhill to pass the lovely old Penarth Mill that had been powered by water from the brook, a long track dappled in sunlight brought then to a road with stunning views to the Black Mountains.

Following the road in warm sunshine, they returned into fields for the journey to Cwmcarvan.

After lunch in the churchyard of St Cattwg's Church, some road walking brought them back into woodland, across the busy B4293 and along shaded forestry tracks at Trellech Common.

Greenway Lane led them back into Trellech village for a visit to the tall spired St Nicholas Church with its impressive stained glass windows, two rows of 13th century stone pillars and a 17th century sundial which commemorates St Anne's Well, Harold's Stones and the Tump Turret.

The huge 40 foot mound of earth dates to Norman times when a motte and bailey castle built by the de Clare family stood on its summit and leaving the grounds of Court Farm, they returned to their start for the journey home.

On September 28, a 12-mile hard walk at Cwm Clydach, Swansea, will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 8.30am; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On September 29, a nine-mile moderate walk taking in Cefn Bryn and the south coast at Gower will leave Cogan at 9am; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

For up to date information, visit www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

The happiest places in Wales

RESEARCH has revealed that the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend are two of the happiest places to live in Wales.

Forest Holidays announced its top 10 happy places in the country with Monmouthshire taking first place, the Vale claiming second and Bridgend securing sixth place.

Researchers who put together the annual Happiness Report look at a range of factors including access to green spaces and crime levels.

The top 10 happiest places in Wales are as follows:

1. Monmouthshire
2. Vale of Glamorgan
3. Ceredigion
4. Carmarthenshire
5. Pembrokeshire
6. Bridgend
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Extinction Rebellion, Iolo Morganwg and... Elvis?

SUSTAINABLE Wales' cultural showcase in the Green Room above SUSSED, 5, James Street, Porthcawl, returns on Saturday, September 28, at 8pm, featuring writing and film about Elvis Presley and the Extinction Rebellion mass movement.

Organiser, Robert Minhinnick said: 'This will be a lively occasion with lots of new writing and film.

"The evening will include poetry that links the visionary writer, William Blake, with Cowbridge's own troubled mystic, Iolo Morganwg.

"And yes, Elvis Presley will somehow be fitted into the mix.

"A unique night is in store."

"Everyone welcome, Croeso Cynnes i bawb." Entry to the event is £4.

The event does, of course, coincide with Porthcawl's Elvis Festival weekend.

Thousands of visitors are expected to flock to the town to bask in a weekend of nostalgia and catch as many ETAs as possible

GEM NOTE: That's 'Elvis Tribute Artists'. Whatever you do, don't call them impersonators!

What's on, in and around the Vale this weekend

Bingo evening

THE Management Committee of Rhoose Community Hall is holding its next Bingo afternoon on Saturday, September 28 at the Hall in Stewart Road.

Doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm. Light refreshments and a raffle during the interval.

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Gibbonsdown and Colcot Wards will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, September 28 between 10am and 11am at the Coastlands church hall, Tennyson Road, Barry, CF62 9TN.

No appointment is necessary.

Councillors' surgery

CONSERVATIVE councillors Janice Charles, Marguerita Wright, Leighton Rowlands, Vincent Bailey and Rachel Nugent-Finn will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, September 28, at McDonald's, Barry, 10am– 11am.

No appointment is necessary.

Rhoose Cinema

RHOOSE Community Cinema on Saturday, September 28, is showing *Fisherman's Friends* (12a).

Come and help celebrate the group's third birthday with a complimentary glass of fizz.

Doors open 6.45pm, showtime 7.15pm. Tickets available on the door r via *www.ticketsource.co.uk/rhoose-community-cinema/t-ykkdgz*.

Litter pick

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be celebrating the group's ninth anniversary this month with a litter pick at Porthkerry Country Park on Sunday, September 29.

The litter pick will commence at 3pm and volunteers should meet next to the Forest Lodge.

Please wear suitable footwear; litter pickers and bags will be provided. Children are welcome, accompanied by a responsible adult.

Out & About with The GEM

Get Dresd for a scare this Hallowe'en...

DRESD Studios in St Athan are holding an immersive Hallowe'en event – 'It's in the Hanger – Fright Night 2019' between October 26 and October 31.

In the first Hallowe'en experience to come to St Athan, dare to take the Death Walk through Claustrophobia, Mirror Maze, Web Walk, Mannequin Room and more. A bar and food will be available during the event.

The studios have been home to *Dr Who, Torchwood* and numerous other productions and are the only prop reclamation company globally collecting and storing a wide range of reclaimed film and TV materials. The salvaged props are then hired back to the industry at a much lower cost than purchasing new set items.

For further information, contact lynn@dresd.co.uk or Lynn on 07810 567067.

Round-up of news from St Baruc's School

THIS year for the first time, Ysgol Sant Baruc's year 6 pupils visited Glanllyn in north Wales.

The week – jam packed with activities all through the medium of Welsh – was spent with youngsters from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg.

A school spokesman said: "Every child behaved impeccably and they enjoyed river walking, high ropes, canoeing, climbing, a disco, bowling and a film night.

"They also learned fire-craft and how to build a den and a raft. We would like to thank all of the staff who gave their time during the week."

Artist Rhiannon pays a visit

Pupils in year 2 worked with the artist Rhiannon during the second week of term to create a mural which included our present school building as the focal point.

The colourful mural also includes many familiar landmarks and is now hanging in the school hall for all to see.

Community Project

Pupils from years 5 and 6 have begun visiting Springbank nursing home.

Some residents from the home created a CV and shared information about themselves with our pupils.

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Your guide to what's on

Cowbridge Gardening Club

MEETINGS of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will resume on Thursday, September 26 at 7pm in the Lesser Hall.

The speaker will be Anthony Walton on 'Attracting Birds to the garden'. New members are welcome.

Cowbridge U3A

INTERESTED in joining Cowbridge U3A?

Come and meet committee members for a friendly chat over coffee from 11am on Monday, September 30, in the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Rhoose History Society

THE next meeting will feature a talk by Aldon Grisdale, whose topic will be: Myths and Legends of Porthkerry.

Come along on Friday, September 27 at 7.30pm to the small hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose CF62 3EZ; entrance £1.

Macmillan coffee morning

THE Watermill in Ogmore will hold a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday, September 27 at 11am to 4pm.

There will be stalls, crafts, a raffle plus freshly-brewed coffee/tea and cake.

Llantwit Major Town Twinning

ON Friday, September 27 the Llantwit Major (twinned with Le Pouliguen in southern Brittany) Twinning Association will host a wine, cheese and quiz night at Llantonian Hall from 7pm.

Teams of up to 10 are encouraged to come along and take part. Tickets are £6 per person to include a generous plate of cheese and a glass of wine or two; the event will also have a bar.

Tickets are available via the association secretary, John Deakin and the association's Facebook page. All are welcome and more information about the twinning association of Llantwit Major and Le Pouliguen will be available on the evening.

KPC coffee morning

KPC Youth & Community (next to Pil Primary School, Pyle) are holding their annual coffee morning from 9am-10.30am on Friday, September 27 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

We will be joined at 9.30am by the choir from Pil Primary School, followed by a 'fun bingo' session and raffle. Admission £1 and cakes will be on sale. Help us make this event a great success for Macmillan.

Call Alison on 01656 749219/745399 info@kpcyouth.com for more information.

Harvest Festival services in the Vale and Bridgend

ST Illtyd's Church in Newcastle, Bridgend, has its Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 5 at 10.30am.

It is also holding a Harvest Supper on Tuesday, October 8, at 7pm in Westward Community Centre. Please contact Father David Lloyd on 01656 655999 for more information and to buy tickets.

THE annual Harvest Festival service will be held at St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 7pm.

A spokesperson said: "Glynogwr is a small rural village with a number of outlying farms and it is a time of year when all the crops have been harvested and it reminds us of the good things that we want to share with others who are not so fortunate."

THE little former Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock will be bursting with flowers, fruit, vegetables and other produce on Sunday, September 29 at 3pm, when the Harvest Festival is celebrated.

Rev Mark Jones from the Parish of Penarth and Llandough will preach, and there will be seasonal poems, scripture readings and popular harvest hymns accompanied on the French harmonium by Anne Thomas. Donations to the produce are welcome, at the end of the service and tea and coffee will be served.

There is a free car park on the left of Fort Road just before the church for visitors who will all receive a warm welcome.

AT Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston (near Aubrey Arms) a Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, October 2 at 3pm; service taken by Rev Lee Dutfield.

The collection will be in aid of Vale Foodbank, followed by afternoon tea.

On Sunday, October 6 the family/children's Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be taken by Rev Dafydd Andrew Jones at 11am; donations of dried/tinned goods for the Vale Foodbank will be much appreciated.

NFU Cymru and Glamorgan YFC will host a Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 3 at Margam Abbey, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2TA.

This year's service will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

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Police HQ scheme backed by council

PLANS for a new training and operations centre at the South Wales Police headquarters in Bridgend have received the full backing of the local authority.

Full council met on September 18 and approved plans for the development subject to conditions.

The four-storey police learning centre, a human resources building and a two-storey gym in Cowbridge Road will see an additional 650 people on site every day.

The centre includes provision for an assessments and standards unit, an operations training unit, investigative training, and 'policing through technology' facilities.

It will also accommodate an office for the police and crime commissioner, while a separate building will house a gym. It is expected that the centre will become fully operational in 2021.

Officers at the authority said the investment in the site was welcomed as the applicant had made a firm commitment to retain its operations within the county.

New access arrangements for the centre are included in the proposals with plans for an improved rear access which forms a junction with Chepstow Road and the Kingsway roundabout. Officers said all students, HR officers and visitors using the new facilities would be directed to the rear access. Officers have now been given delegated powers to issue consent for the plans subject to legal agreements being met.

Liz Bradfield, LDR

Extensive development of Whitmore High School begins

CONSTRUCTION of a new school at Whitmore High in Barry is about to begin as part of a £30.5 million investment by Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Under the authority's 21st Century Schools programme, a partnership with Welsh Government which involves comprehensive upgrading of educational infrastructure across the county, the current school site will undergo a dramatic transformation. Accommodating 1,100 pupils, the work carried out by Morgan Sindall Construction will create an ultra-modern learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities.

Teaching space will be spread across three-storeys, with 70 general classrooms and two drama and activity studios encompassed within the 11,000-metre square site and a specialist suite to support students with additional learning needs. There will also be a music studio, fitted with the latest equipment, a multifunctional hall with retractable seating and a large dining area.

Staff and pupils will transfer to the new building for September 2021 to allow demolition of the existing buildings and creation of new sport facilities, with the project due for completion by spring 2022.

Elsewhere in Barry, a completely new school will also be built at Pencoedtre High; Welsh language secondary education will also benefit with Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg set to undergo extensive improvement and expansion works. This follows other recent work to build Llantwit Learning Community and the Penarth Learning Community.

Bellerophon riding Pegasus.

Of Andromeda and Pegasus: the October sky

THE Milky Way rises from the north-eastern horizon, arcs almost overhead and falls towards the south-western horizon.

The bright summer constellations can still be seen, but they are now edging ever closer towards the west.

Halfway from overhead towards the southern horizon we find Pegasus: the flying horse. Personally, I have never been able to make out the horse, flying or not.

What you will see is four naked-eye stars that make up a square. Three corners have fainter lines of stars.

The two right-hand corners of the square show this feature quite well.

Look inside the square, count how many stars you can see with your naked eye, then repeat the exercise using a pair of binoculars.

Now look first at the bottom right hand star, then the top right-hand star. Can you see the different colours?

Try again using your binoculars: one is white the other orange.

Look now at the top-left hand corner star, now you should see another prominent line of stars, this is an entirely different constellation, Andromeda.

Here we have an example where a star has been transferred from one constellation to another.

The top left-hand corner star of Pegasus is also the brightest star in the constellation of Andromeda, but never mind, place the star in your binoculars, and slowly move them along the line, counting two more stars, now stop, from here move the binoculars very slowly towards overhead.

Can you now see a 'blur' or fuzzy object?

You may have to do the movements a few times but it's worth persevering as the 'blur' is the Andromeda Galaxy.

If you are lucky to observe from a dark sky location, the 'blur' will be visible with the naked eye.

Over two million light years away, this spiral galaxy is one of our closest neighbours, and it is heading in our direction.

We believe that in the far distant future Andromeda and the Milky way will collide. But that's another story.

Before midnight, you can still find the bright planets Jupiter and Saturn.

The Moon will be below Saturn on the fifth of the month.

Do check out www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for details when we meet and observe the sky.

I will do my best to show you around on a clear night.

Dave Powell, Barry Astronomical Society.

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The Estyn Inspection of 2019 graded all aspects of our school as 'Excellent' and made no recommendations for improvement. Congratulations to all in achieving this stunning success.

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Soroptimist Pam raises funds for Breast Cancer Now

SOROPTIMIST Pam Allinson, a keen supporter of Breast Cancer Now which aims to raise funds to aid research, was delighted to raise £100 for the charity through her board game at the Springbank fete.

Ms Allinson was instrumental in setting up the Cardiff and Vale group to raise funds for what was then Breakthrough Breast Cancer, which has since become Breast Cancer Now and Breast Cancer Care. Ms Allison was a former Wales South regional president and assistant programme director for education before she suffered a severe stroke in 2016. With the help of friends and club members, she has been developing her artistic skills using her left hand. Recently one of her paintings featured on the SIGBI Facebook site and received plaudits from as far afield as Papua New Guinea and Australia.

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Council hands over bowls club facilities

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council is preparing to hand control of bowls facilities over to the clubs that use them.

Following a similar initiative in which libraries in the County are run by community groups, from October 1 eight bowls clubs will be responsible for maintaining their greens and pavilions, so that the council can make significant savings.

For the past 12 months, clubs have been preparing for the changes with support from the council. This has included seeking sponsors and organising events to generating funds, appointing maintenance companies and hiring out facilities for private use. Clubs have been provided with a five-year indemnity by the council, protecting them from the cost of significant works during that period while club reserves are built up.

Cllr Kathryn McCaffer, Vale Council Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture, said: "Making the facilities the responsibility of individual clubs not only gives those clubs more control over how they are run, but by reducing the level of subsidy, it saves the council money at a time of significant financial pressures. This represents a major change to the way in which bowls clubs are managed, but it's impressive the way these teams have risen to that challenge.

"As we continue efforts to streamline council spending, we will explore similar arrangements for other sports teams across the county."

Local pub will stay open

SA BRAIN has announced that the Master Mariner in Gibbonsdown will stay open.

Following a review of performance, Brains have decided to take the Master Mariner back into their managed house portfolio and intend to make a significant investment in the site to bring it up to the best possible standards.

They will also ensure that the Master Mariner retains its place in the heart of the local community.

Subject to obtaining the necessary permissions and planning approval, they intend beginning work on the site in October and hope to complete before Christmas.

While there will inevitably be some disruption as the scheme progresses, they intend to remain open throughout the projected works.

Jane Hutt AM welcomed the news, and said: "I know that that the community in Gibbonsdown will welcome this news and I look forward to seeing the pub grow and prosper over the coming years.

"It is thanks to the community campaign led by local people that the Master Mariner is staying open."

MP Alun Cairns said: "I'm really pleased to have been informed that SA Brain will be keeping the Master Mariner open, taking direct control of the pub with a salaried manager.

"I want to pay tribute to the community in Gibbonsdown, who campaigned passionately to save the Master Mariner.

"Only a couple of weeks ago, I held one of my public meetings on Brexit at the pub, and it was clear to see the huge support the pub receives locally.

"It holds a special place within the community and I wish them every success going forward."

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THE Cathedral School Sixth Form offers excellent facilities and teaching, combined with outstanding pastoral care and the opportunity for students to reach their full potential, both academically and personally, in a vibrant, fun and supportive environment.

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The school's highly successful sixth form, introduced in 2013, was recognised by the inspection team with pupils' performance at A Level over the last three years highlighted as "outstanding". Continuing to be placed amongst the best independent schools in the UK at A level, Cathedral School students secure places at the most competitive universities, including Oxford, Manchester, Bristol, Warwick Cardiff and Nottingham.

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Beyond their studies, interests and abilities are broadened through initiatives including outward bound expeditions, the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, debating and public speaking and the Extended Project Qualification. Outstanding choral and instrumental performances abound at school and venues including Llandaff Cathedral, the Wales Millennium Centre and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The school offers a range of courses and extra-curricular activities.

Earlier this year, our sixth formers organised a STEM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) featuring world-leading scientist, Professor Robert Winston. Attended by more than 200 people from local schools and the community, the event demonstrated our pupils' initiative and leadership, as well as their "extremely positive attitudes to learning" that Estyn highlighted in their report.

Sixth formers are encouraged to engage in the professional mentoring programme, which pairs them with leading professional figures for advice and guidance. Practitioners from a range of professions are regularly invited to address the students and they also have the opportunity to network at Cardiff Business Club.

Fundraising events are organised throughout the year by our Interact Club, linked with the Rotary Club, providing an opportunity to support local initiatives, as well as helping the sixth form to develop their organisational and leadership skills.

Financial support is available at Year 12 entry, with academic, music and sport scholarships available, as well as means tested bursaries.

Please visit us on our Whole School Open Morning on Saturday, October 5, 9.30am-12.30pm, or at our Sixth Form Options Evening on Thursday, October 10, 5pm-7pm, to see what makes the Cathedral School such a dynamic place of learning. To book a place, visit www.cathedral-school.co.uk/opendays

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Experienced players and novices are welcome and may either bring their own boards or use those at the club. The cost is £3 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information, please call 02920 515568 or 02920 513619.

Llantwit Major archaeology

A WEEKLY archaeology class is held every Thursday at the Llantwit Major Town Hall at 10.30am, and covers a huge range of topics.

Over the next few weeks, we visit Pompeii, and the Mediaeval city of Trelleck. We have a very enthusiastic group of all ages, different backgrounds, from 'interested in archaeology' to very knowledgeable. Call 07437 747402, or email: archaeology-cymru@live.co.uk if interested in attending.

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, October 1 at 11am, Barry Heart Walk (five miles), starting at the Gorsedd Stones, Romilly Park, Barry.

Ar Hydref 1 yn dechrau am maes parcio Bron y Mor, Y Cnap, Barri, Crwydro: Coetir, Parcdir ac Arfordir.

On Thursday, October 3 at 10.30 am, the Living with Cancer Strollers meet outside visitor centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on October 3 at 2.30pm, the Penarth Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the cliff top car park, Penarth.

Harvest Thanksgiving

AT Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston (near Aubrey Arms) a Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, October 2 at 3pm; service taken by Rev Lee Dutfield.

The collection will be in aid of Vale Foodbank. On Sunday, October 6, the family/children's Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be taken by Rev Dafydd Andrew Jones at 11am; donations of dried/tinned goods for the Vale Foodbank appreciated.

Fun on the farm, all summer long!

Amelia Trust Farm events were lots of fun for everyone this year.

SUMMER fun at Amelia Trust Farm was a big success this year, despite the roadworks on Five Mile Lane.

Director Karen Turnbull said: "The roadworks on the Lane have had an impact on our fundraising when there have been closures, but thankfully visitors were able to reach us throughout the school holidays."

The charity welcomed over 12,000 visitors to their Care Farm during July and August. Its family fundraising events were popular, with even more new faces on the farm during the holidays. The charity's new superhero day was a hit with youngsters, its 'be a farmer for a day' sessions were a sell out and the educational superhero trail was popular with both the children and the adults. There was a good turnout for the dog show and large numbers of grandparents and children visited to celebrate Grandparents' Day as the farm has a long history with generations of families enjoying the countryside sanctuary.

Becca Palmer, marketing manager, said: "We would like to say thank you to everyone who supported the farm this summer, your contributions are vital in helping us continue our work with vulnerable young people in south Wales, and in keeping the farm open to the public. We are now planning October half term fun, so keep your eyes open for more information on our website and on social media."

Buttrills Estate renovation reaches second stage

THE £2.3 million renovation of the Buttrills Estate has now reached the second stage.

In 2017, the previous Conservative administration in the Vale Council approved the £2.3 million renovation to the estate, an investment designed to improve a number of properties throughout the Buttrills estate, including a full refurbishment of Awbrey House, which was completed in early 2019.

Cllr Leighton Rowlands said: "I'm delighted that the second stage will be commencing this month and will include the renovation of the Bungalow Gardens, the community area surrounding Awbery House such as the paths, drying area and the renovation of North Walk fencing and seating.

"We have written to all residents to advise of them of this and to inform them that an open day has been arranged at Awbery House, which give residents an opportunity to seek information on the second stage of the project."

MP Alun Cairns said: "Back in 2017, myself and the local councillors organised a public meeting for residents and we said then that we would make sure the residents are consulted on the whole project.

"I had the privilege of seeing the completed works on the external of the building and what a difference this project will have on the lives of the residents."

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Christmas Party Guide

Rely on the Vale to avoid the Christmas party pitfalls

CHRISTMAS comes around once again and it is time to make those important decisions about festive celebrations.

For some people, the period leading up to Christmas can mean a whole string of meals, parties and discos.

There are family celebrations to be organised, often revolving around the choice of whether to have that big Christmas Day meal at home – or to eat out and be waited upon and avoid the inevitable hassle and stress of serving a feast at home.

There are often office parties to be fitted in to the month, and the choice there can be overwhelming!

It doesn't end there, of course, because societies, clubs, voluntary groups and other organisations are all likely to be organising a Christmas do.

The bright side is that in the Vale of Glamorgan, there is a huge choice of places and venues that are offering a quality, good value Christmas experience – with an even wider of styles of cooking!

December can be a daunting social marathon, so it pays to plan ahead and, even though we are still in September, there are huge advantages in getting ahead of the mad rush.

After all, there is nothing more frustrating than finally getting round to making a decision, only to find that your choice is booked up!

Let's consider the family get-together first – and it need not be a straight choice between eating in or eating out on Christmas Day.

A family meal out – perhaps in the days leading up to Christmas – can take the pressure off the home event.

There is always great pressure to get Christmas Day right, and tempers will fray and nerves will get frazzled.

The knowledge that the family have already enjoyed a relaxing time eating out and looking forward to Christmas can really take the pressure off.

You can all sit down and watch *It's a Wonderful Life* (again) and take it all a great deal easier!

Perhaps the most straightforward is a Christmas dinner for a society, club or voluntary group, because in this case the members tend, by definition, to have similar interests.

With these groups, there is usually general agreement on the type of venue, and on the amount that members want to spend.

The main issue is finding a suitable venue at a price that comes in within the agreed parameters.

When it comes to organising office parties, there is even more reason for planning ahead.

It is always going to be difficult to get a consensus on where to eat, but at least if you start the decision-making process early, you have a better chance of choosing a venue that meets with the approval of the maximum number of people.

Leave it late, and you can guarantee a proportion of disgruntled diners who feel they were presented with a fait accompli.

Do your research

Of course, what many businesses do is delegate the matter to one or two 'lucky' individuals, who are asked to sound out opinion, do the research and then come up with suggestions.

This 'short straw' has the potential to turn into a poisoned chalice, but there is also the chance of glory if all goes well.

The problem with office parties, of course, is keeping different ages and temperaments happy – a difficult task at the best of times.

In a office or business do, there is usually a much wider spread of ages and temperaments – and the age gap between different party-goes is never wider than at the Christmas party.

There are culture clashes when it comes to music, fashion, food and especially when it comes to drink.

If you are under 30, check how many of the office over-50s have a clue about what a 'Jaegerbomb' is - and you will see the age gap in total clarity.

However, good planning can overcome most of these pitfalls, which only goes to emphasise how important it is to make an early decision to make sure that you book the package that you need.

And one real bonus is that if you are planning to book your festive evening in the Vale, you are totally spoiled for choice.

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Again, look around the Vale and you will be spoiled for choice, with each establishment offering its own distinctive menu.

A hotel, with the option of staying overnight?

Again, the Vale is well supplied with establishments that have a long history of offering fine service and fine dining.

Something a little more exotic?

Here in the Vale there are restaurants offering the national cuisine from many countries, and again the competition has driven prices down and the quality up.

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Butter and herb roasted free range Turkey
with seasonal vegetables and parsley and thyme stuffing
Roasted cutlet of hake with Beurre blanc
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Christmas Party Guide

Start 'looking and booking' so you enjoy the perfect Christmas party!

WHETHER you are planning an office party, a family get-together, or just a festive gathering with friends, making an early decision over where you have your Christmas party has a number of advantages.

The most obvious plus point is that you have a much better chance of booking your first choice.

So it is advisable get agreement from everyone so you can go ahead with a booking.

There's nothing worse than dithering over a decision and missing out on the right venue.

This is often the case when it comes to the most established venues that have established a good reputation.

There is a lot to be said for a group of trusted individuals taking charge, to ensure an early decision.

How often does everyone in a family – or in an office – get together to discuss a particular issue?

Another good reason for making an early start to your deliberations is that it will give time for some research.

Someone can go along to the venue and ask questions, or make a call to find out what's planned at Christmas.

What other things should be considered?

• Christmas Day is on a Wednesday this year.

• What day is best for colleagues in a workplace or for your family?

• What time should be booked – bearing in mind people might be travelling to a restaurant.

• If people are drinking, how are you organising the journey back home so that people don't have to drive?

Of course, there are venues with overnight accommodation which means a relaxing morning the next day with breakfast before setting off.

One thing that makes things easier for party planners is that here in the Vale of Glamorgan, there is a wealth of choice, with venues for any type of Christmas do.

In terms of eating out, standards are high because there is so much competition.

If a dinner dance is the choice, then there are several hotels that offer just that.

If a meal in pleasant surroundings is the aim, then you can find good food everywhere, in a variety of settings, ranging from a traditional pub to a trendy bistro or tapas bar.

A number of places do outside catering, so it is even possible to find your own venue, and then employ a specialist to provide a great culinary experience.

In terms of post-meal entertainment, the Vale is exceptionally well provided.

For those so inclined, finishing off the evening with live music is quite possible, if you plan ahead.

There are country pubs where you can 'while away' the rest of the evening, perhaps in front of a real fire in the bar.

In fact, a bit of research should be able to establish which places offer bands and music.

Party organisers can live off the kudos of a successful Christmas event for a large part of the following year. "What a great night that was!"

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Devilled Whitebait (with choice of Tabasco sauce)
Toasted Bruschetta
cherry tomatoes, garlic, parsley gently warmed and served on tossted ciabatta bread with olive oil and Balsamic dressing
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Chicken Catatori
Chicken breast cooked in ruby port, red wine, peppers, onions in a rich tomato sauce, finished with cream and black olives
Chicken Princess
Chicken breast cooked in white wine and cheese sauce
Scottish Salmon Fillet pan fried with parsley butter
Grilled Sirloin Steak (£7 supplement)
Served plain or with a choice of sauce
Aupoivre (creamy pepper sauce)
Champignon (rich mushroom sauce)
Diane (onions, mushrooms, tomato and garlic sauce)
Pork Tenderloin
cooked in masala wine with onions,mushrooms in a creamy sauce, served with rice
Roast Glamorgan Turkey with trimmings
* * * * *
All served with vegetables of the day and sauté potatoes
* * * * *
Choice of Sweet Trolley
(Coffee & Dinner Mint £2.75 extra)

£21.95 per person

Christmas Evening Menu
Mon - Sat 6.30pm - 9.30pm, 2 - 24 December

Prawn Cocktail
Melon with Port (or plain melon)
Garlic or Stilton Mushrooms
Deep fried Brie with conserve & toasted Brioche
Devilled Whitebait (with choice of Tabasco sauce)
Soup of the Day
* * * * *
Roast Glamorgan Turkey served with trimmings
Rump of Welsh Lamb
with Port & Redcurrant Sauce (£6 supplement)
Chicken Princess
Chicken breast cooked in white wine and cheese sauce
Grilled Scotch 10oz Fillet Steak (£6 supplement)
Served plain or with a choice of sauce
Aupoivre (creamy pepper sauce)
Champignon (rich mushroom sauce)
Diane (onions, mushrooms, tomato and garlic sauce)
Scottish Salmon Fillet pan fried with parsley butter
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* * * * *
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The organisers would like to thank everyone who attended the event for their kind support and donations, and those who gave items for the auction and raffle; also Mr and Mrs R Anthony and family for their support and hospitality.

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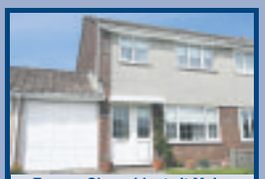

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WHEN you think about buying a new car, you need to consider quite a few things before you decide to buy.

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These are just a few of the things that go through a car buyer's mind including: what will my bank account look like at the end of each month, and what will all your friends and family think of it?Well for once, I am going to say, 'who cares' – it's your car, so what does it matter what anyone thinks?

Power and efficiency: My test car was fitted with a 1.6-litre turbo diesel engine that produces 136PS and a maximum torque value of 320Nm, making it incredibly good at getting a move on quite quickly – not bad then for a car that I consider to be quite large. 0-60mph also comes in at around 10 seconds and at a push it will return over 56mpg.

Max speed is also up at 129mph.

Of course, maybe diesel is not your thing any more and you prefer to waste your time waiting for your EV to charge. The thought of waiting around for hours to charge my main mode of transport does not appeal to me one bit, if I'm being honest.

On the road: The Insignia handles well but I feel it is not as much fun to drive as it could be - although the steering is direct, which is one better than most.

The Insignia also feels very well put together, the grip levels are also good, and the suspension has no problem dealing with our ever-increasingly poor road network of potholes and uneven surfaces.

This car was also built as a mile muncher, which is where it shines. It's also very relaxing to drive and the cabin noise is very minimal, even with a strapping diesel engine fitted.

Interior and technology: The interior is fresh, and all the buttons and dials are clear. The front seats have plenty of adjustment to them and feel well made and very comfortable. Rear legroom is also good, and the boot space is fantastic. I also like the wide boot opening.

So, what do you get in the form of goodies? Well, it starts with a DAB radio with seven speakers, driving assistance pack, front and rear parking sensors, cruise control with speed limiter, LED daytime running lights, LED rear lights, electronic climate control, ESP, six airbags, remote control central deadlocking with keyless start and 17" alloy wheels.

To sum up: The Insignia has always been a decent buy and now, thanks to many upgrades over time, it's modern, fresh and will easily handle a large family. Forget the days of this being a sales rep motor, because this is clearly not the case any more.

The Insignia is a decent car that deserves respect. If I was in the mood for a large car, then the Insignia would be on my list of the top three cars I should be looking at.

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Close matches aplenty on Wenvoe Castle finals day

Club Finals Day at Wenvoe Castle is a busy day, with eight finals, including the men's club championship and ladies championship. both over 36 holes.

It is a chance for members to have their names on the honours boards, which date back over 80 years to the club's formation in 1936. Matt Mullooly was no stranger to the board, having won the Men's Club Championship for the past three years and was defending his title against a quality opponent in Dave Barrell, previous club champion and current Glamorgan County champion.

Men's Club Champion Matt Mullooly receiving his trophy from Club Captain Lesley Sherrard with runner up Dave Barrell (right).

Ladies Champion Lucy Sellick receiving her trophy from past Lady Captain Lynda Hudd with runner up Barbara Beedham (left).

The match saw a barrage of birdies and an eagle and, after the first 18 holes, Dave Barrell deservedly held a narrow lead.

In previous years, Matt had shown a steely determination to grind out a result and by the penultimate hole held a one-hole lead. The last two holes showed some superb recovery skills by Dave to win the 17th and then chip very close to gain a half on the last.

All square at the last hole meant sudden death up the long par five first hole, the match followed by an ever-increasing band of spectators.

Both players found the trees with their drives but managed to get to the edge of the green in three, and Matt clinched the title with a par after Dave had missed a tricky downhill putt.

Club captain Lesley Sherrard refereed the match and presented the trophy to Matt highlighting the skill of both players in a match played in a truly sporting manner.

The Ladies Championship was between Lucy Sellick and Barbara Beedham, a previous winner in 2014. Lucy settled quickly and built up a commanding lead to reach the halfway stage five up. She gave little away in the afternoon, playing steadily to maintain the gap. Eventually Barbara ran out of holes and the match finished on the 13th hole with Lucy the deserved winner by 6 and 5. Lady vice captain Lynda Hudd refereed the match and complimented both players on an excellent match, played in a real sporting manner.

The remaining six finals were all played over 18 holes and produced some very close finishes, with five going to the finishing holes and of these, two went on to sudden death.

The Men's Robert Rickards Championship proved to be one of the closest, between experienced team players Dennis Davies and Kevin Knowles. A match of high quality which could have gone either way and over the closing holes, Dennis kept in the match through some exceptional putting. The game finished all square. It was sudden death on the first hole where Kevin managed to shrug off his determined opponent and clinched the trophy.

Disappointingly, the final of the H Regan Trophy could not be played following the withdrawal of one of the players but Paul Wheatley and Meirion Rees had played well to reach the final after several successful rounds and were declared the winners.

The Dragon Trophy is for player with handicaps of 10 or over. Chris Tatt played Tim Dimond , and this match went to the final hole where Tim held on to a one-hole lead to win.

The ladies held three finals with Dee Lloyd and Jane Lott the first to tee off in the Mary Fellows Bowl. Another match where handicaps would be an important factor with the experienced Jane Lott conceding 10 strokes to her opponent. This contributed to a close encounter. The match went to the penultimate hole where Dee was absolutely thrilled to close out the match and win 2 and 1.

Two experienced players, Wendy Motton and Jane Barrell, contested the Ladies Bronze Championship. Wendy played well to build up a commanding lead and despite her best efforts Jane gradually ran out of holes over the back nine. The match eventually finished on the par 3 15th hole where Wendy deservedly won by 5 and 3.

Debbie Williams and Nicola Manning were closely matched in the final of the Blod Lewis Cup. Neither managed to build up a lead and it went to the final hole where Debbie was clearly delighted to clinch the trophy, winning two up.

The last of the 18-hole finals was the Dr & Mrs A M Jones Trophy, a mixed pairs competition involving Andy Evans and Sandra Hathway against Mickey Lee and Lady Captain Lynda Lee. This keenly contested match proved to last the longest of all the 18-hole matches and went to sudden death, where Andy and Sandra finally managed to secure this coveted trophy.

The players all appreciated the excellent weather on the day and, the efforts of the green staff to present the course in such magnificent condition. It was particularly rewarding to see all the finals completed as planned and the Club Captain Lesley Sherrard thanked all the members who took part in competitions throughout the summer months.

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It's a thriller in Brynhilla as club legends battle it out on finals day

Scotty Bowman receives the Club Championship Trophy from vice-captain Alan Sweeny.

Brynhill staged its Finals day recently and thanks to the hard work and dedication of the green keeping staff, the Barry course has never looked better.

Chief Buck Rabbit (17.5 to 28 handicap) was won by Steve Doyle, who fought back from three down to beat Andy Chick by 5/3.

In the Midway (9.5 to 18 handicap) Andy Goodland took on Mike Moore.

Things were a lot tighter in this match, with the lead changing hands twice in the first three holes, before Moore battled to 3 up on the par 4 10th.

This was pegged back to all square by the time they stood on the 17th tee.

Moore took the 17th to walk down the 18th fairway one up and a half on 18 was good enough to seal victory.

In the main event, two Brynhill legends, Kyron Sullivan and Scotty Bowman, contested the Club Championship in a match that, as you'd expect, produced plenty of quality golf over the two rounds.

With the scores level after 36 holes, it needed an extra hole to decide the winner, with the pair having to play the 18th again. Both players stood over birdie putts that were pretty much equidistant. Sullivan putted first but saw his ball hit the hole and horseshoe almost 360 degrees before agonisingly stopping right on the lip.

Up stepped Bowman and after all the qualifiers and knockout rounds it came down to this one putt.

Amazingly Scott's ball also horseshoed but decided, after wiping its feet, to drop in, making him champion for the third straight year and 10th time in total.

Also contested on Saturday was the George Williams Trophy, which saw Dave Johnson defeat Neil Tipples.

On Sunday, it was back to medal golf with the Holme Towers Charity Cup. Top of the pile was Micky Perry, whose 67 was just enough to squeeze out Paddy Moore by a solitary shot. Perry also took the best gross with a two over par 74.

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Mike Moore receives the Midway Trophy.

Llantwit under-12s in form against Cowbridge

Llantwit Major JFC under-12s welcomed Cowbridge Bulls to Windmill Lane in glorious sunshine.

Cowbridge took the initiative and were soon on the offensive with keeper Isaac having to be brave and pull off some great saves, taking a few knocks in the process.

Llantwit soon settled their nerves with the opening goal from Josh Lewis.

It was then one way traffic, although the Llantwit players decided to play individually with everyone wanting to take the world on rather than just play the passing game.

Goals came through Correy Gaertig (2), Brodie Beare (2), Austin Caffery and Dylan Godsell with a number of other chances either hitting the post or going just wide. By half time it was 7-0.

With all 16 of the squad available, the Llantwit coaches rang the changes to give all boys a run out.

The second half was again one way traffic with Llantwit finding space at every opportunity.

Correy Gaertig soon scored his hat-trick, Josh Lewis bagged another and one into the roof of the net from Keaton Precious made it an impressive 10-0 result for the Lions.

Man of the match went to Isaac Martin-Evans who had a fine first half in goal with some brave saves, but also found himself making an appearance outfield in the second half!

Team: Isaac Martin-Evans, Harrison Edwards, Tomos Davies, Austin Caffery, Joseph Kincaid, Dylan Godsell, Brodie Beare, Joshua Lewis, Joshua Puddick, Finley Wheaton, Correy Gaertig, Kai Wilson, Luke Collinson, Jack Morris, Mason Winter and Keaton Precious

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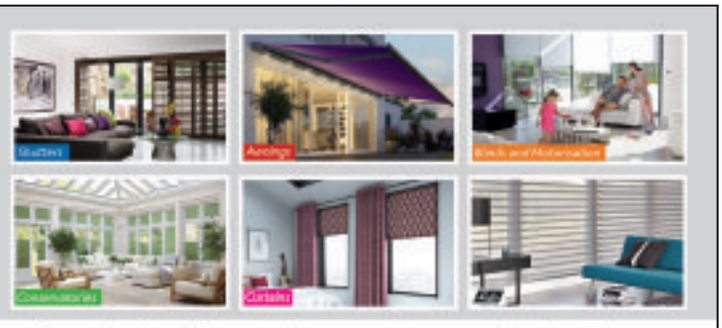

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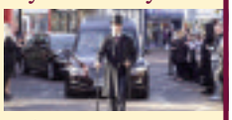

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FERDA
Peter

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Theodore (Mel)

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Mel will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and most of all his loyal dog Tyson.
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HARRHY
Glynne Anthony Ivor

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FERRER
Mark

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KING
Kenneth Francis

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DIMOND
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COLEMAN
Leslie Robert

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BLICK
Margaret Lynette

Margaret passed away peacefully at Milsom House, St Athan on 16th September 2019. Beloved wife of the late Vivian, loving mother to Cheryl and the late Denise and mother-in-law to the late David. Cherished gran of Naithan, Amy, Gabrielle and great grandmother to Jake, Zack and Ruby.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 1st October, service 1.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Dementia UK c/o the funeral director.

WHITTAKER
Sandra

Passed away on 13th September 2019 at Llandough Hospital. Loved wife of Alan. Adored mum to David and the late Helen and mother-in-law to Mike and Claire. Cherished nan to Shannon and Rachel. Wonderful sister to Vaughan and Graham and sister-in-law to Pat, Jane and Gerald.

Sandra will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Tuesday, 8th October at 11am at our Chapel of Rest, Barry, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Flowers flowers only. Donations, if desired, in memory of Sandra, may be made to Holme Towers, Penarth.

JOHNSON
Maurice

Peacefully passed away, aged 101, at Wyndham House Care Home, Minehead on Monday 9th September 2019. A Former Managing Director of Bridgend Glazing & Silvering Co. Ltd, he was resident in Ogmore-by-Sea for 37 happy years. After the death of his wife Beattie, he lived with his daughter Jean and her husband Mike, first in Llangan and then in Holford, West Somerset. He will be sadly missed by Jean, Mike, granddaughter Caroline, great-granddaughter Sarah and by his brother Norman, sister Freda and their families who all live in Canada.

Funeral Service at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Thursday, 26th September at 1pm.

Family flowers only, donations in memory may be sent to Grandfield & Son, Funeral Directors, Nether Stowey, Bridgwater, TA5 1HZ and will be divided between the charities 'Dogs Trust' and 'Cats Protection'.

DAVIES
Lorraine Frances
(*née* Norton)

It is with great sadness that the family of Lorraine announce her sudden and unexpected passing, at her home in Wick, on 9th September. Beloved wife of Michael, adored mother of Maddy, Lilli, Evan and Dan, and much loved daughter and sister of Stewart, Philip and Julia.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday, 1st October, service at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major at 2.00pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, for Llamau c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

GOODWIN
Peta (*née* Grace)

Died peacefully at home on 17th September with her family around her. A unique and special Barry girl, she will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her. Governor of Barry College, Chairman of Birch Grove Conservation Group, not to mention brilliant wife, mother and grandmother.

Resting at Robert Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29, Holton Road, Barry. Funeral service to be held at All Saints Church on Monday, 30th September at 1pm.

No flowers please. Donations in Peta's memory to the World Wildlife Fund, would be welcomed.

For all enquiries please telephone 01446 733844.

CHADWICK
Anthony Harold
"Tony"

Retired Deputy Welsh Secretary, British Medical Association. Passed away peacefully following a courageous battle against cancer, at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth on 14th September 2019.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Monday, 30th September at 2.15pm.

Family flowers only, and colourful ties, not black please. Donations to Marie Curie, c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

HARVEY
Evelyn Beryl

Beryl passed away peacefully, aged 89 years at Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend on 6th September 2019. Loved wife of the late Arthur, loving mother to Timothy and David. Adored grandmother to Stacey, Daniel, Dominic and Katy. Great-grandmother to Isabelle and Emilia.

Beryl will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare until the funeral service on Friday, 4th October at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 10.30am, followed by commital at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, in memory of Beryl, may be made to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend or at the service.

DELL
Cas (*née Simister*)

Our dear Cas, loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, passed away peacefully on 21st September 2019 at home, surrounded by her family. Cas was tremendously brave and strong in living with cancer for such a long time. We will always remember her as a fantastic mother who loved her children 'to the moon and back', who lived for her family and friends, and who illuminated everyone around her.

A celebratory service for family and friends will be held at Holy Cross Church on Tuesday, 8th October at 12.15pm, followed by light refreshments. Cas has asked for everyone to wear bright colours.

Family flowers only. Any donations to Friends of Velindre or Second Hope may be sent to W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

To advertise your situations vacant, family notices, birthdays, anniversaries, etc, call Sue on 01446 774484

In Memory

WELLS
Graham John

16 February 1937 – 26 September 2009

You have gone to join our other loved ones in Heaven, but I still miss you everyday, and will always love you.

Your loving wife Glo xxxxxx

GALTON
Pauline

23rd September 1938

In Loving Memory

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Always miss you, forever more.
MICKEY xxxx

GALTON
Pauline

23rd September 1938

In Loving Memory

Another birthday without you Mum.
Always miss you and love you.
Love from, Janet, Sarah & Paul
(Bob, Budgie & Sarah) xxx

ANDREWS
Shaun Glyn

27 September

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Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:-
Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB
NAME OF APPLICANT: Bang-On Brewery Ltd
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES:
Emporium Kiosk, McArthur Glen Designer Outlet Centre, The Derwen, Bridgend, CF32 9SU
STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES:
The sale by retail of alcohol, for off-premises consumption, 7 days a week during the opening hours of the Designer Outlet Centre, 10:00 to 20:00 or 22:00 if late night opening applies
DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE:
This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 20th September 2019, for 28 consecutive days.
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Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB
NAME OF APPLICANT: Ryan Jenkins
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14th October 2019
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To whom it concerns

Would any person/s who have an interest in a lane access to the north east side of the afore mentioned parcel of land. Contact the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department quoting the above reference number within 21 days of the date of insertion of this notice.

Mr L. Cheballah
(Owner of Site)

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Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court Penylan Avenue Porthcawl Mid Glamorgan CF36 3LY, who died on 28/08/2019, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 29/11/2019, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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Competitive finals day at Sully Sports Bowling Club

Club Championship presentation: Charles Coomber (champion); Dennis Austin, Chairman; Lee Romans (runner up)

ON a fine sunny day, Sully Sports Bowls Club brought the season to an end with finals day and the contestants served up a feast, with bowling of the highest calibre.

The Pairs Final opened proceedings as Ken Agius and Gerry Currie took on Les Adams and Dennis Austin. Although the latter won the first end, they disastrously then lost the next seven, from which they never recovered.

All four players bowled well at times, but it was the nagging accuracy of Gerry Currie, playing lead, that won the game. He gave his skip Ken Agius a reasonably easy ride, to a 22-11 victory after 20 ends.

Ken was immediately back on the green to face Charles Coomber in the Handicap Final, which turned out to be a classic. Both were on top form and the lead changed hands six times by the 13th end, where they were then tied at 12-12.

A two for Coomber on the 14th gave him back the lead, but great bowling by Agius saw him take the next five ends to lead 19-14, and put him on the verge of victory, until superb pressure bowling from Coomber won him the next four ends and victory by 21-19.

Last year's club champion, Lee Romans, took on club captain Graham Brown, in the 2 Woods Final. After 11 close-fought ends, Romans stood a shot down at 6-7, at which point Brown took complete charge, winning the following six ends to clinch a 17-6 victory.

After a break for refreshments, and to cool down from the relentless hot sun, Charles Coomber and Lee Romans contested the Championship Final, and despite what appeared to be an easy win on the scorecard, this did not reflect the quality, and competitiveness, of both bowlers.

They shared the first four ends, at three apiece, at which point Coomber bowled some of his best woods of the season to take five of the next six ends, scoring 14 shots to 1, and putting himself within touching distance of victory.

Romans fought valiantly to the end, but seven ends later Coomber clinched the championship 21-10.

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Handicap Championship Charles Coomber (champion); P Holland, secretary; Ken Agius (runner up)

Charles retains 'Super 70s' title

THE annual stableford competition for members of the Sseniors section at Cottrell Park who were born either during or just after World War Two was held recently on the Mackintosh course with 35 eligible to play.

Despite the damp conditions, just two points separated the top five at the end of a most enjoyable morning's golf. In fifth place with 37 points was David Stephenson, followed in fourth place by Dai 'Pop' Davies with 38 points.

In third place, also with 38 points, were Godfrey Lewis and Ray Reakes, who finished runner up.

Finishing ahead of the field with 39 points was Colwinston resident and defending champion Charles Vicary, who returned a very impressive 39 points to become the 'Super Seniors' champion for 2019. Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Martyn Hurst, Bruce Rankine, Billy Moore and Terry Hoggett, while Peter Fryer hit the longest drive down the 18th fairway to win the longest drive prize.

Those competing were delighted to welcome member Peter Archer to the prize giving ceremony to present the prizes.

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Llantwit Major Under-7 girls football

THE Llantwit Major under-7s girls had a great start to the season, with a win in their first three games.

They played amazingly from start to finish and did not give up. The first game was very close, but we just nipped it from a 2-1 loss against Hopkinstown; however we had a huge comeback winning 3-2 with a few players from Llanbradach helping us to secure the win against Hopkinstown.

In our final game again we were just short, with a 2-1 loss from Hopkinstown. The girls did extremely well from only having stated six weeks ago. The season is looking bright for Llantwit under-7 girls. Still open to recruiting players, so please call 07494 612861 for more information (years one and two).

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Good win for the Athletic Youth at Bryncethin

BRIDGEND Ath Youth travelled to Bryncethin for an eagerly awaited fixture in the Ospreys Youth League in Division C East against a strong Bryncethin outfit.

They came away with an outstanding 17-3 win, keeping their unbeaten start in the league intact. They have now won three out of three and top the league with 14 points. They have a remarkable 98–6 points differential and to the delight of defence coach Paul Yardley, have yet to concede a try this season.

Both sides started strongly with both teams winning good ball from scrum and lineout and attacking each other through their back play. The first 20 minutes was tight and Bryncethin went in to a 3-point lead after kicking a penalty from just outside the Ath 22.

However, this appeared to galvanise the Ath team who started to pile on the pressure, and a great break by centre Dan O'Sullivan saw the final pass to Tom Florence go agonisingly short which would have been a fantastic score.

However, two minutes later, constant pressure and great forward drives saw a ruck formed 5 metres out and hooker Jack Hobard drove over for a great try, with the conversion narrowly missed to give the Athletic a narrow 5-3 half time lead.

The second half saw strong Ath pressure, which resulted in a remarkable try for centre Tom Florence.

He made a break and was initially tackled about 30 metres out. He continued to drive forward and defenders started to fall off him, eventually crashing over the line wide out on the right for a remarkable try, again, the conversion narrowly missed. This spurred the Ath on and a great forward drive saw replacement hooker Ben Owen powering his way over for a try which was converted by Rhys Williams.

Bryncethin then upped their game and camped in the Ath 22 for fully 10 minutes pounding the Ath try line. However, fantastic defence by the Ath kept their line intact.

With one-minute remaining, second row Morgan Bennett raced away down the touchline showing remarkable speed for what looked like a bonus point try; however, a great tackle by the Bryncethin full back prevented the try.

Final score: Bryncethin Youth 3, Bridgend Athletic Youth 17.

On Saturday, September 28, the Athletic host Beddau of the Blues Region in a National Plate Cup Tie.

Prop Logan Shearan on the charge against Bryncethin. (Photograph by John Canon).

Red ribbons for 'Alfie' as the Pencoed Phoenix triumph against tough opposition

Pencoed Phoenix scrum half Laura Keeble makes a break. Photographs by Julie Hancock.

BONYMAEN arrived at the Recreation Ground with the impressive record of consecutive promotions to the Premiership, and a stern test for Pencoed Phoenix was anticipated, and this was just how things materialised .

There was little between the sides in the opening half and it was well into this period before the visitors opened the scoring with back row forward Moore crossing under the posts for Stevens to add the extras.

In the dying moments of the half Phoenix levelled matters, Katie Murphy doing well to get the touchdown despite the close attention of a number of defenders. Leanne Burnell converted and the sides went in at 7-7.

As the second half unfolded, the home pack began to get on top at the scrum with the front row of Lisa Marie Jordan, Lowri O'Raw, and Eleri Harris Thomas scrummaging purposefully, negating to some extent the threat of the visitors' back row ball carriers.

It was Phoenix who edged ahead, completing a number of phases in the visitors' 22 before swift hands from the threequarters saw Linzi Morgan race over wide out.

Despite a number of dangerous forays from the visitors, Phoenix got their third try, outside half Burnell taking a quick tap penalty before going over in determined manner under a mass of bodies to set up victory for the home side.

For Phoenix there were a number of good performances, in particular up front with the front row providing the necessary platform for success. Back row forwards Amy Stevens and Murphy were also prominent throughout. Replacement Jade Thomas also did well, winning vital turnovers with the home side under pressure.

Bonymaen chose Sam Galeon as best Phoenix forward with Leanne Burnell chosen as best back.

On the day, Phoenix wore red ribbons in support of Gareth (Alfie) Thomas following his recent disclosure.

Young Phoenix made it a double on the day with a 41-19 win at Llantwit Fardre. Ellen Evans and Meg Lewis both completed a hat trick of tries , with captain Hannah Marshall also getting a try and adding three conversions.

In a good all-round team performance, prop forward Molly Prance was impressive in the tackle area with Marshall also enjoying a good performance. Second row Chloe Gant was chosen as Phoenix player of the match.

Match report by Terry Rees. Photographs by Julie Hancock.

David's hole in one steals the show as farmers visit Peterstone Lakes

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently at Peterstone Lakes Golf Club when 41 competitors attempted to win one of the many excellent prizes supplied by sponsors Anthony Brown & Company, Estate Agents of Llantwit Major.

Situated in the Gwent levels in a site of special scientific interest, Peterstone Lakes golf course meanders through natural waterways with the Severn estuary lapping against the sea wall bordering the course.

Despite a strong breeze causing a few problems, several members kept their composure over the 18 holes Stableford competition. John Caines in particular was in fine form to return to the clubhouse with a winning score of 38 points, leaving society captain Clive Thomas in second place with 33.

Charles Vicary finished third place with 32 points, followed on 31 by the rapidly-improving David Harris, and also David Williams who achieved at some expense what every golfer dreams of – a hole in one – on the 131-yard par-3 11th.

David Sloan with 36 points was successful in the section for guests followed by 16-year-old Clawdd-Coch resident Alex Roe, who finished with 34. Sponsors representative Carl Brown finished third with 31.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan, Cowbridge, sponsored par-3 holes were Tim Jarvis, David Sloan, Julian Golunski, Dan Jarvis and the hole in one specialist David Williams.

Rob Price somehow managed to hit a straight drive down the 17th fairway to win the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant sponsored prize and Charles Vicary returned home with the Picketston Poultry sponsored prize when correctly guessing the number of balls that would fail to make the journey home. This raised £100 for the injured jockey's charity.

Society members are now looking forward to their annual tour when 24 members will be travelling over the Irish Sea to Clifden in County Galway to compete for the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd trophy playing 54 holes over three days at Connemara.

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Pictured above are: Anthony Brown, captain Clive Thomas, David Williams and Mark Brown.

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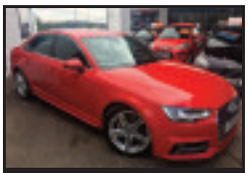

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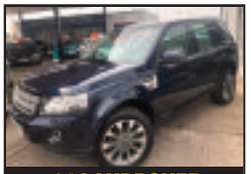

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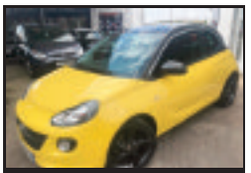

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The St Mary's seniors cut back on clubs

THE rules of golf say that a golfer can carry no more than 14 clubs in his or her bag and, with golf clubs normally bought as a full set, the great majority do, indeed, have a close to fully loaded bag.

But when St Mary's senior section's Gareth Thomas won a recent Stableford competition with an impressive 35 points (just one less than par), all he had in his bag were a driver, a six iron, nine iron and putter.

The section's annual three clubs and a putter competition was keenly contested by 27 of their number and, as in previous years, the excellent scoring once again raised the question as to why 14 clubs are carried every other week of the year!

Roger Hatton and Wayne Newton were tied one point back on 34 points, Newton settling for third place after a count back.

Two days later, on a beautiful late summer day with the course looking its absolute best, early starters Gordon Martin and Andrew Lane beat Jon Paton and Wayne Newton 3 and 2 in the final of the summer pairs competition.

Teeing off immediately afterwards, 18 of the section's members embarked on a team yellow ball competition. One member of each team of three players was nominated the 'yellow ball' player, the designation alternating between each of the three players hole by hole.

Scoring was once again in the Stableford system with, on every hole, the yellow ball score (doubled) and the better of the other two scores counting.

Graham Jones, Brian Callow and Mike Tayler were the only team to beat the par for this format of 108 points, claiming the victory with a fine score of 117.

NL

VoG Football League round-up

RHOOSE Social sprang a huge cup upset, only a few months into existence, when the first division side dumped Premier Division Champions Barry Athletic out of the Barry Cup at the first hurdle.

Goals from Dan Morgan, Jack Cutajar and Shaun Jachontow saw Holton Road knock cup holders Cowbridge Town out with a 3-0 victory.

In the final first round tie, Penarth Town picked up their first win of the season to eliminate Barry Vikings, with Rhys Fford, David Shallis, Sam Wooster and Callum Eva notching in a 4-1 win.

In the Premier Division, Island Marine certainly look like the real deal as they continued their 100 per cent start to the campaign with an impressive 4-1 victory at Cardiff Airport to go top.

Tom Case and Joey Matthews put Tynewydd 2-0 up at half time against Cadoxton Imps, but this week it was Imps who came back, as Gez Parry came off the bench to turn the game around. Ryan Davis, Ryan Warden and Jordan Turner got the goals in an eventual 3-2 win.

St Athan bounced back after disappointment last week to secure a 3-1 victory over Cogan Coronation, Sean Lucas amongst the goals.

In Division One, Cadoxton Barry's perfect start is over as they were held 2-2 by Vale United.

AFC Rhoose B stay top of the division as they picked up an impressive 6-2 victory over Penarth Town B. Josh Rowe and James Austin banged in a brace apiece with Ciaran Webb and Ethan Park adding the others.

Island Marine B continued their impressive start to go second with a 2-0 triumph over SP Billy.

Vale Madrid made it two wins in a row as they saw off St Athan B 3-0.

And finally, Holton Road B edged Barry Athletic B 3-2 in an entertaining contest. Cole Saunders, Marc Williams and Josh Bell grabbing the goals.

HD

Barwick Cup is final event of season at Cowbridge

THE Cowbridge Bowling Club held its last competitive event of the outdoor bowling season on September 21, with the annual ladies v gents match for the Barwick Cup.

Played in beautiful sunshine, all six rinks were taken up by the 48 players who took part.

The cup was won by the ladies in 2018 by the closest of margins (the scores being level but the ladies having won four rinks against two) so the men were almost as determined to win it back as the ladies were to retain it!

By the halfway stage the men were leading by nine shots, being ahead on three rinks, tied on one and behind on two.

In the second half, Bob Penn and Alan Wallace continued to consolidate their leads, and six shots on the last two ends helped Colin Wilson overcome Shirley Wilkinson's team.

There were close battles on two rinks between the teams of Roger Barwick and Helen Nixon, and Norman Wilkinson and Sandra Collin with both men's teams squeezing through by 17 –15.

On the final rink, the ladies of Tina Payne, Gloria Howell, Caryl Davies and skip Kay Edwards had a good win against Mansel Davey, Tom Purnell, Terry Foley and skip Dennis Snelling 16–10.

A superb tea was provided by the ladies of the club and the club president, Mary Thomas, presented the Barwick Cup to the men's team captain, Norman Wilkinson.

There was one further surprise for Norman when he was presented with a bottle of malt whisky from the men of the club in recognition of his contribution over many years as men's team captain. Since 2004 he has been captain eight times and he has promised his wife Shirley that 2019 was definitely the last time... we'll see!

We look forward to our annual lunch on November 22 when all the awards will be presented to the winners and runners up of this season's competitions.

AWW

Latest news from Barrivale Bridge

THE results for Barrivale Bridge Club Nancy Malpas Trophy on September 17 are as follows:

First, Peter Millar and Jane Brook 58.73 per cent; second, Mike Close and Mick Green 57.14; third, Noelle Bond and Mark Roderick 56.35.

The handicap winners were Peter and Jane.

We welcome new members and a partner may be arranged, if required.

Telephone 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

If you wish to start learning bridge, come along to the Pioneer Hall on Fridays at 10am-12.30pm. You will be taught by experienced bridge players and handouts are provided.

Thursdays are also for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

LH

Penarth Bowling Club aims for grant

SENIOR officers of Penarth Bowling Club recently met representatives of the Vale Council and Bowls Wales to investigate the possibility of accessing funds from the local Community Chest.

A club spokesman said: "The purpose of applying for a grant from this fund would be to promote the game of bowls within our locality, but specifically at Penarth Bowling Club.

"The club boasts a mixed membership of 108 full, 110 affiliated and 41 summer Indoor members. Facilities include an excellent six-rink outdoor green, a four-rink indoor stadium, comfortable lounge and dining areas and a competitively priced bar.

"All of the club facilities are managed and run by a hard working core of members.

"The management committee, which is appointed annually, administers the running and affairs of the club.

"The club is anxious to arrest the demise of interest in joining bowling clubs and hopes that the grant available, should they qualify for it, will assist their aims. The cash will be used on a number of initiatives to encourage and welcome new members of all ages.

"The club is also intending using its facilities for other groups and organisations which may find the premises suitable for them."

NC

Highwaymen upset last year's champs

ON September 1,7 the 2019 – 2020 season of the Cowbridge Darts League got underway.

Last year's runners-up, the Highwayman Inn, got off to a good start, defeating last year's champions the Edmondes B in a very tight game 10-9. In this match the season saw its first 180, hit by Paul Cates from the Highwayman.

In another tight game, the One Town Hall Square team beat the Hairy Farmers 11-8.

In the other two matches, the Victoria Inn beat the Red Lion Inn 13-8 and the Farmers Arms beat the Edmondes C 13-6. The Edmondes A did not have a game.

Notable performances in these games were Dan Thomas (One Town Hall Square) with a 94 two-dart checkout and Jean Curnow (Red Lion Inn) with a 66 checkout.

Present league standings are therefore: Farmers Arms and Victoria Inn (13 points), One Town Hall Square (11), Highwayman Inn (10), Edmondes B (9), Hairy Farmers and Red Lion Inn (8), Edmondes C (6) and Edmondes A, who had a bye, (0).

Next week, Tuesday, October 1, we have the Fours knockout competition. All matches will be played at the Edmondes Arms.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at *cowbridge-darts@gmail.com*, up-to-date information can be found on the website: *www.darts.apsn.co.uk*.

PJT

Brothers take karate titles

BRIDGEND brothers Tomy Joshua (8) and Tyler Joshua (7) recently represented the Welsh Shotokan Karate Organisation at the British Karate Federation International Championships in Ravenscraig, Scotland with Gerwyn Harries of Ystrad Rhondda Shotokan Club.

Tomy, who attends Bryncethin Primary School, became the official British Karate Federation gold medalist and under-10 British champion.

Tyler, who attends the same school, was runner-up and bronze medalist in the competition.

AS

Pool league is re-named

THE 2019/20 season of the Joe Barnett Vale of Glamorgan Pool League started on September 19.

Previously the Asprou Barbers VOG League, it was renamed after its founder, Joe Barnett, who died in 2018.

The week's largest margin victory was 10-2 by the Rhoose Pot Jacks away to the Vale Wanderers, with Paul Michael and Gary Williams both winning four out of four.

There were also convincing victories for Billy Whizz by 9-3 against the Glenbrook Titans (John Farrugia and Mark Ingram winning four out of four), Libs Rejects by 8-4 against Finnegans; Witchill Wildcats by 8-4 against the Baruc-Cue-Das (Ian and James Hill winning three out of three) and Castle Dark Lords by 8-4 against the Rhoose Social Pocket Dynamos. The remaining game was a closer contest won 7-5 by Coco Nuts against King William IV (Graham Avaient winning three out of three).

MD

Finals weekend for Llantwit ladies

BEFORE starting Llantwit Major Bowls Club ladies' finals weekend, a team visited Cowbridge with both ladies and gentlemen playing.

All five Llantwit teams took an early lead but it was not to be.

Ian, Margaret, Mike and John were even on the last end but lost 12-13.

Glyn, Rosemary, Ros and Carol fared better, building on their lead for a comfortable win by 21-8.

Joan, Pat, Etta and Marilyn were 10-all on the 11th but only managed one more shot, losing 11-18.

Gaynor, Viv, Jenny and Eric were in the lead until the ninth end when Cowbridge came back with a three and a four to win 16–8. Tom, Glenda, Arthur and Julie held the lead until the last end where Cowbridge managed a two and drew the game 14-14.

Thank you Cowbridge for your warm welcome.

Saturday saw the start of finals weekend.

First off were Julie G and Gaynor who played Julie M and Marian, an excellent game but experience came through with Julie M and Marian the winners 12-20.

It was then the two wood pairs where Gaynor (in her first season) was playing with Jenny against Joan and Liz. Gaynor and Jenny kept the pressure on throughout and won 19–12.

Next were Julie M and Carol against Liz and Dilys. It was an excellent game and although Julie M and Carol went into the lead at the start it was not for long, with Liz and Dilys taking the lead on the seventh and scoring a four and a couple of threes, making it a win for Liz and Dilys 19–13.

Judy and Ros were next, playing the Tyro, aimed at those who have never won a competition Ros went into a comfortable lead but by the 11th Judy had fought back to even the score Ros scored a three on the next end but could not stop Judy, who went onto win 22-16.

Then it was time for the Championship the most coveted prize in the club. Gaynor, our first year player, was playing Julie, winner of this competition a number of times.

Julie started well but Gaynor went into the lead on the sixth and kept it till the 10th when a three from Julie put her back in a lead which she held to the end, winning 21-10. Well done to both players and congratulations to Julie M our club champion.

This was followed by an excellent celebratory tea.

Well done to all participants and thank you to all who supported them.

Some of our new members joined us after for a taste of short mat bowls during the winter months.

If you have a couple of hours to spare and want to give it a go come along to our clubhouse where you will be most welcome; and perhaps you will be on the bowling green next summer.

CW

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Bridgend Athletic conquer Pyle in WRU Plate match

HAVING given Sean Willliams a guard of honour on his 300th senior appearance for Bridgend Athletic, for the first 30 minutes of this match it looked like Pyle could be party poopers.

A combination of solid defence and lack of control, resulting in errors kept the scoreboard attendant redundant. A head high tackle preventing Athletic N0 8 Ben Davies from scoring from a pickup at a five-metre scrum saw Pyle reduced to 14 men for 10 minutes with their flanker in the bin.

Ruthlessly, the Athletic exploited their advantage to run in three tries in five minutes to settle their nerves.

Replacement outside half Aled Thomas, on for the injured Luke Bevan, made a fine 40-metre break before passing inside to the supporting wing Lindsay McCausland to gallop over for the opening try. Sean Williams gathered the restart and made 30 metres before releasing McCausland. Pyle held the attack just short of the line, but quick recycling saw young prop Callum Swinford cross wide out for his first senior try on his first league start for the First XV.

Bridgend Athletic's Lindsay McCausland on his way to scoring his try. (Photograph by John Canon).

Swinford took the restart and launched a counter offensive. Thomas made another break, finding scrum half Robin Davies in support to release full back Stuart Floyd-Ellis to run in from 30 metres for a try wide out, which he also converted. Unfortunately, Swinford was injured in the move and left the field to be replaced by Wayne Fooks.,

Athletic wing Owain Leyshon became the third Athletic player forced to leave the field, with No 8 Ben Davies moving to the wing and Will Petchell slotting in at No 8. On the stroke of half-time, centre Chris Price made a break and drew the full back before a potential scoring pass to supporting prop Matthew Norman was sent at Exocet speed, resulting in it flying off Norman's chest, leaving the Athletic with a 17-0 half time lead.

Within five minutes of the restart Sean Williams carried into the Pyle 22. Quick ball from Robin Davies saw outside half Aled Thomas spot a break and race under the posts for a try converted by Stuart Floyd-Ellis. Shortly after, Williams caught a five-metre line out and was held on the line. Scrum half Davies spotted stand-in wing Ben Davies unmarked on the blind side and Davies crossed for the fifth Athletic try.

Williams was yellow carded, and Pyle launched a series of drives inside the Athletic 22, culminating in flanker Gareth Cox crossing wide out. Will Gallenfort converted.

The Athletic were then temporarily reduced to 13 players when wing McCausland was judged to have deliberately knocked the ball forward. With stirring play by the Ath pack led by captain Ben Howe and locks Ben Cording and Jonathon Stoker ,Pyle were denied the possession to take advantage. Matt Muir and debutant Harry Harries came on for the Athletic. Williams also returned.

Centre Price made an inside break and the ball was transferred via co-centre Tom Jenkins to hooker Lee Murphy to cross for the Athletics' sixth try. Man of the match Stuart Floyd Ellis converted to send the Athletic into the second round plate draw with a 36-7 win.

The Athletic, in patches, showed what a potent attacking force they can be. They need to back this up with more consistency throughout the 80 minutes if they are to mount a Division One West challenge, starting at home this Saturday against strong opponents Dunvant.

AB

Depleted Pencoed fight hard in Plate against Skewen

Joint man of the match Zach Taylor. (Photograph by Julie Hancock).

SKEWEN RFC came to Pencoed in the first round of the Plate and won 30– 20, and it has to be said that the better side won.

However, given the extended list of unavailabilities Pencoed faced, the players who answered the call acquitted themselves well, to the point where the scoreline flattered the visitors.

Skewen opened the scoring on 10 minutes with an unconverted try. Adam Williams, playing out of position, opened Pencoed's account two minutes later with a penalty.

The next two scores belonged to the visitors, a converted try and a penalty. The next score went to Alex King, another playing out of position for Pencoed. He intercepted an attempted breakout by Skewen to score a try on 32 minutes.

The last scores of the half, a converted try and an unconverted try, went to Skewen, to leave a half time score of 8–24.

The second half turned out to be the epitome of the 'never say die' commitment that all players involved with the senior squad are now showing. Pencoed opened the scoring when, following patient approach work, the ball was moved to Alex King, who managed to step and squirm his way over near the posts. Adam Williams added the extras.

Skewen scored five minutes later, a converted try. The next score came from Pencoed.

Again, following patient approach work, debutant Tom Geere came on the perfect angle to burst through and make hard yards before giving the scoring pass to current youth player Josh Sands. Pencoed's endeavours to put some reality on the score board failed, to leave a final score of 20-34.

Man of the match was jointly awarded to Zac Tayler and Owen Clarke. The next game is Pencoed at home to Maesteg on September 28.

SHD

Bridgend Athletic Youth are in try-scoring form

BRIDGEND Athletic Youth collected a second successive bonus point win, overpowering local rivals Bridgend Sports and crossing for nine tries in a 55-3 victory.

The referee, in accordance with the youth ruling of game over once a 50-point differential is reached, ended the game early.

The Athletic, along with Bryncoch, are early pace-setters in Div C East of the Ospreys league.

It was the Sports who started on the front foot, swarming over the Athletic in the opening stages and taking the lead with a penalty after 10 minutes.

Led by captain for the day Daniel Osarigie, who set an example crossing for a personal tally of four tries, there followed a procession of green and gold jerseys crossing the Sports line.

The first, following great passing, saw centre Dan O'Sullivan feed fellow centre Tom Florence who flew over the line. A short while later, winger Danny Osarigie made a superb break and fed lock Morgan Bennett, who raced over the line from 50 metres.

Minutes later, a superb break by No 8 Josh Llewellyn saw the ball transferred along the back line to send winger Sam Veasey over in the corner.

The Ath were now rampant and winger Danny Osarigie flew over the line wide out following great hands by forwards and backs. From the restart, Osarigie smashed through the Sports defence and raced up to the opposition 22. Ryan Neagle took the ball on then great handling saw the ball transferred wide out for Osarigie to score again.

From the restart, the Ath again broke through and quick passing saw winger Sam Veasey crash over for his second try.

The Ath again attacked and a great inside pass by centre Dan O'Sullivan saw Osarigie fly over for his hat-trick under the posts. Outside half Rhys Williams put over three great conversions and narrowly missed the others.

The Ath made seven changes at half time and continued to dominate. Centre Tom Florence flew over from inside his own half for probably the try of the match after great work from backs and forwards.

Two minutes later, scrum half Thom Lewis fed Osarigie from a ruck and quick feet saw him beat two defenders to score his fourth try. Both tries converted by Ethan White.

AB

Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On September 11: First, Tony Haworth and Kevin Maddox; second, Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock; third, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

The winners on handicap were Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock.

On September 12: First, Maggie Ashpole and Steve Burgoyne; second, Ivor Hicks and Joan Ralph; third, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass.

On September 13: First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; third, Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesdays and Fridays at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3.15pm to 5.15pm and it's not too late to join the course.

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Competition news from Porthcawl Bridge Club

CONGRATULATIONS go to Norma and David Newman on winning the club pair's championship for the Sid Gibbins Salver.

The event was run over two weeks and despite a poor result on the second week, their good score from the first week saw them through. Two other members of the club, Beth Davies and Winnie Phillips, were presented with a signed copy of Andrew Robson's latest book. Andrew, arguably the UK's leading player, donated the book for their performance in the recent WBU simultaneous pairs.

Latest results from the club are: September 12, Club Championship week 1: first (equal) David Rance and Alwyn Hill; David and Norma Newman.

September 14: first Tony Haworth and John Beard; second Bill Turner and Dave Lea.

September 19 Club Championship Week 2: first Tony Haworth and Gary **Williams**; second Eleanor Jones and Dian Jones. The overall two-week combined score: first Norma and David Newman; second Pat Haworth and Terry Dolan.

September 21: first John Beard and Tony Haworth; second David and Norma Newman.

The club meets twice a week: at the Awel-y-Mor centre Thursdays from 6.45pm–9.45pm; on Saturdays from 3.15pm-6.15pm; visitors are welcome at any time. To contact the club, call Trish on 01656 785794.

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